

Understanding an Apostolic Church

Acts 2:40-49

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Apostolic

A word not found in scripture NOR a reference to denominationalism

- Form of the word – **Apostle**: *Apostolos* – “one sent forth”

This is a reflection of the Latin Term:

Missio Dei – mission of God/ the sending of God

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- **“*Missional*”** is simply the adjective form of the noun “missionary”. It describes a church that sees God’s mission as the unconditional standard that defines, shapes and sends the church to participate in what God is already doing in the earth – the redemption of mankind.
- *This TERM constitutes the essence/nature of the Church*

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- **The Church of Acts as a model**

They **devoted** themselves to:

1. The Apostles Teachings (*equipping, educating, building up*)
2. Fellowship (*building godly relationships*)
3. Breaking of Bread (*provides opportunity for discipling*)
4. Prayer (*church community event*)
5. All believers were together, had everything in common (*Unity*)

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- **The Church of Acts as a model**
6. Meeting the needs of those in need (*offerings of sacrifice*)
 7. Meeting at the Temple daily (*worship, fellowship, encouragement from leaders & others, instructions, equipping, etc.*)
 8. Established small home groups (*means of building up each other, evangelistic, alternative to church*)
 9. Praising God (*worship & praise*)
 10. Had favor of the people (*community involvement & impact*)

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- The Church of Acts as a model
- The Results
 1. Everyone was filled with awe
 2. Many wonders and miraculous signs were done by Apostles
 3. Established Favor in the Community
 4. The Lord added to their number **daily** those who were being saved

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• Modern Day

Attractional Church

- Come and be a part mentality
- Bring people to hear the Gospel
- Come to hear my pastor
- Setup events & programs to kingdom to win community

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Missional Church

Go & Live the part mentality

Take the gospel to people for hearing

Take what pastor has taught to engage peers

Establish small groups & manifest those invited

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- **Modern Day**

Attractional Church

- Only desire is to sit in pews & continuously be fed
- Simply Seeking Church growth
- Believes that the Church & pastors are the doorway to Christ

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Missional Church

- Go to Community, work or school & begin feeding others
- Understanding this is all about Kingdom Expansion
- I am the doorway to Christ

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