

DIGGING DEEPER



Walking in Truth

1. What did you learn from our study of the Church/church, its mission and methods, that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Describe a time a place you most matured as a Christian. Were you ever discipled as a Christian? If so, explain how. If not, how do you suppose this has affected your spiritual growth?
3. Have you ever been a part of a small group where many of the “one-anothers” commanded in Scripture were fulfilled? Describe what that was like.
4. Are you currently participating in a small group meeting together weekly for the purposes of worship, prayer, fellowship and discipleship? If not, are you willing to attend such a group?
5. How is our worship, fellowshiping and disciple-making at FBC similar to the NT Church? How can we become more biblical in these areas?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- (1) What is meant by “a two-winged church”?
- (2) How has Emperor Constantine and his Edict of 313 AD (recognizing Christianity as the religion of Rome) negatively affected Christianity, even the modern church.
- (3) If we believe in the “priesthood of believers” (1 Pet. 2:9) then where and how are you functioning as a priest? How does the clergy / laity distinction undermine the priesthood of all believers?

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How Disciples are Made



How Christians Mature

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

Acts 2:41-47

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Acts 2:41–47

⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

I. THE CHURCH'S MISSION

A. Purpose

B. Process

C. Procedure

D. Power

Acts 2:46–47

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II. THE NT CHURCH'S METHODS

A. What they did:

B. Where they met:

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