

Creating A Climate For Greatness

Acts 2:42-47

If we'll Follow this ACTS MODEL, we'll Create A Climate where New Believers can Learn, Worship, Serve, Grow & Become the Disciples Jesus Wants Them to Be...

SEVEN QUESTIONS that Reveal if WE Are "Creating A Climate For Greatness..."

- 1. DO WE FOCUS ON LEARNING GOD'S WORD? (v.42a)**
 - A Great Church must be a Learning Church.
 - Don't Cheat Yourself or your Church of Greatness by not Learning the Word of God.
- 2. ARE WE EXPERIENCING VIBRANT FELLOWSHIP? (v.42b)**
 - Fellowship means BELONGING to Each Other & Jointly PARTICIPATING in the Goals & Purposes of God.
 - When YOU'RE Not Here, We're ALL Affected Negatively.
- 3. DO WE OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER? (v.42c)**
 - GREAT churches ALWAYS include the Observance of the Lord's Supper.
 - During the Lord's Supper, We Focus on Being ALONE with God YET Together Claiming Jesus as LORD.
- 4. DO WE STAY IN CONSTANT & CONSISTENT PRAYER? (v.42d)**
 - 1st Century Christians HAD to TRUST GOD to give them the Courage.
 - Jesus felt the NEED to Constantly & Consistently PRAY.
 - NO PRAYER from the Members = NO GREATNESS in the Church!
- 5. ARE WE ACTING ON WHAT WE BELIEVE? (v.43)**
 - In Reality, if we Don't ACT, we Don't Really BELIEVE...
 - God's Plan for building a GREAT Church is that WE be People of Action! (James 1:22)
- 6. DO WE HAVE A HEART FOR GIVING & SHARING? (vv.44-45)**
 - GREAT Churches have members who Give & Share what they have.
 - Let's BELIEVE what Jesus Taught & Put it into Practice. (Luke 6:38)
 - We are ALL called to CARE...We are ALL called to SHARE.
- 7. ARE WE FILLED WITH JOY? (vv.46-47)**
 - "Gladness" means, "Great JOY, a feeling of Extreme Happiness."
 - True JOY comes from a Relationship with JESUS that only Gets BETTER over time.

- ***A GREAT Church is characterized by JOY!***
- ***When we Follow God's Plan we'll Create A Climate For Greatness where New Believers can become Healthy Disciples.***