Being the Church: What Will We Do Now?

Special edition of the series, "Hope Alive: In Us and For Others"

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Acts 2:42-47 ESV

Be devoted to God's Word.

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..." (Acts 2:42 ESV)

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' ³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence." (Psalms 91:1-3 ESV)

"So Jesus said... 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 8:31-32 ESV)

Be devoted to prayer.

"...and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles." (Acts 2:42-43 ESV)

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV)

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

(Matthew 18:19-20 ESV)

Be devoted to fellowship.

"And day by day...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47 NIV)

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV)

Be devoted to sacrifice.

"...And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45 ESV)

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 ESV)

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