# **BEING THE CHURCH** 8 THINGS WE CAN DO IN TIMES LIKE THESE Acts 2:42-47

# WE CAN BE DEVOTED TO THE WORD

"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostle's teaching . . ."

- "they" the 3,000 saved
- "apostle's teaching" / the Word

#### WE CAN LIVE IN FELLOWSHIP

"... and to fellowship ... "

*"fellowship" – partnership / teammates* People sharing life in common as they pursue
a common mission or goal.

#### WE CAN BE COMMITTED TO JESUS

"... to the breaking of bread ..."

 "breaking of bread" – A phrase used to refer to the Lord's Supper, or communion.

#### WE CAN PRAY

"... and to prayer ... "

## **Robert Murray McCheyne** – "What a man is on his knees before God, that he is, and nothing more."

#### WE CAN BE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles."

 "awe" – A sense of reverent wonder and fear associated with the presence of God.

### WE CAN MINISTER TO OTHERS

"And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need."

### WE CAN CELEBRATE RELATIONSHIPS

"Day by Day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people."

# WE CAN SHARE OUR FAITH

"And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those that were being saved."

- Salvation is a work of God
- Salvation involves sharing the Gospel
- The people were sharing daily