

Message - The Way Series

Acts 2:41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

42 And they devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and **the fellowship**, to **the breaking of bread** and **the prayers**. **43** And awe came upon every soul, and many **wonders and signs** were being done through the apostles. **44** And all who believed were together and had all things in common. **45** **And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.** **46** And day by day, **attending the temple together** and breaking bread **in their homes**, they received their food with **glad and generous hearts**, **47** **praising God** and **having favor with all the people**. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1. The Way of the Word - The New Testament is what the apostles taught
2. The Way of the Fellowship - They spent time together; friendship, helping, talking, doing life together.
3. The Way of Breaking Bread - They ate together (This was service, receiving, and intimacy together)
4. The Way of the Prayers - They Prayed it was an important part of they're way. Jesus did it, Apostles did it, and the Church did it.
5. The Way of Signs and Wonders - This was Miracles from the ministry of the Apostles (Church Leaders). We must believe and expect miracles.
6. The Way of of Giving and Meeting Needs - They sacrificed in the selling of and giving of their resources for one another's needs
7. The Way of Attending Church - They went to church (temple) together, there is power in assembling of Believers (God moves). God moves the most when his people come together (if you study out moves of God we see God moves the in the confines of the church) Paul said in Hebrews 10:**23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** 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.
8. The Way of the Home - When we meet in our homes there is a sense of closeness, intimacy, privacy, welcoming, and openness.

9. The Way of Glad and Generous Hearts - They were happy and from their joy came generosity.

10. The Way of Praising God - They praised because God was moving, blessing, changing lives, and God deserves it.

11. The Way of Having Favor - Winning favor with God means we win favor with people. Because to win favor with God means we do what's right; loving, kind, generous, pure, gracious, merciful, etc. These actions give us a double dose of FAVOR. Favor with God and People.

Proverbs 3:3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

12. The Way of Receiving New People - They were not exclusive and they were not stand offish when God sent new people into their lives or groups.

They were welcoming and embracing.

-This was and still is a LIFESTYLE

-If we embrace it we receive the beauty and blessing that they received