

THE BOOK OF  
**ACTS**  
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Acts 2: 42-47

Message + Mission + Multiply

# Question

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What is a Church?

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First, we will Look  
at What a Church is  
Not

It is not about entertainment!



# Question

What are some signs  
that someone is  
attending a Church  
for entertainment?

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Please turn to:  
Revelation 2: 4-5

## Revelation 2: 4-5 NIV

*Yet I hold this against you:  
You have forsaken the love  
you had at first.*

## Revelation 2: 4-5 NIV

*Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.*

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The Church in Ephesus  
forgot why they were  
there and had become a  
place of religious  
entertainment!



The church that can't worship must  
be entertained. And leaders who  
can't lead a church to worship must  
provide the entertainment.

— *Aiden Wilson Tozer* —

**AZ** QUOTES

Church is not about picking and  
choosing what you want!



# Question

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What are some signs  
that someone is  
attending a Church  
that only teaches  
what they want to  
hear?

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Please turn to:  
2 Timothy 4:1-4

## 2 Timothy 4: 1-4 NIV

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:*

## 2 Timothy 4: 1-4 NIV

**Preach the word**; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

## 2 Timothy 4: 1-4 NIV

*For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

## 2 Timothy 4: 1-4 NIV

*They will turn their ears  
away from the truth  
and turn aside to myths.*



The background of the image is a scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the surrounding mountains. The mountains are rugged and partially covered in snow, with some greenery visible on the lower slopes. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. A large, semi-transparent blue circle is centered over the image, containing the text "One God: Many Faiths" in a dark brown, serif font. The text is arranged in three lines, with "One God:" on the top line, "Many" on the middle line, and "Faiths" on the bottom line.

# One God: Many Faiths

Church is not a place to go so  
you can be served!



# Question

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What are some signs  
that someone is  
attending a Church  
so they can be  
served?

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Please turn to:  
Hebrews 5: 11-14

## Hebrews 5: 11-14 NIV

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*We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.*

## Hebrews 5: 11-14 NIV

*In fact, though by this time  
you ought to be teachers,  
you need someone to teach  
you the elementary truths  
of God's word all over  
again. You need milk, not  
solid food!*

## Hebrews 5: 11-14 NIV

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*Anyone who lives on milk,  
being still an infant, is not  
acquainted with the  
teaching about  
righteousness.*

## Hebrews 5: 11-14 NIV

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*But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

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If you only attend  
Church to be served,  
you will be like an  
infant that never  
learns to eat for  
themselves!

Church is not a place to go on  
Sunday's for a quick fill up!



# Question

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What are some signs  
that someone is  
attending a Church  
only on Sunday's for  
a quick fill-up?

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Please turn to:  
Revelation 3: 14-16

## Revelation 3: 14-16 NIV

*“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.*

## Revelation 3: 14-16 NIV

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*



Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.

(Billy Sunday)

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# Question

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Now we will Look at  
God's Design for His  
Church!

## Acts 2: 40 NIV

*With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."*

## Acts 2: 41 NIV

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*Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

## Acts 2: 42 NIV

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*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

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So what do members  
of the Church devote  
themselves to?

## Acts 2: 42 NIV

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*They devoted themselves  
to the apostles'  
teaching and to  
fellowship, to the breaking  
of bread and to prayer.*

A Church is devoted to

1. to the apostles' teaching

# Question

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Where do we find the  
Apostles teaching?

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Please turn to:  
Ephesians 4: 11-13

## Ephesians 4: 11-13 NIV

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

## Ephesians 4: 11-13 NIV

until we all reach unity  
in the faith and in the  
knowledge of the Son of  
God and become mature,  
attaining to the whole  
measure of the fullness of  
Christ.

# Question

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What else were they  
devoted to?

## Acts 2: 42 NIV

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*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and **to fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

A Church is devoted to

1. to the apostles' teaching
2. To fellowship

# Question

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What is fellowship?

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What are the  
benefits of  
fellowship?

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Please turn to:

Hebrews 10: 23-25

## Hebrews 10: 23-25 NIV

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*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,*

## Hebrews 10: 23-25 NIV

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**not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

# Question

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Do you WANT to go  
to Church, Sunday  
School and Small  
Groups or do you feel  
you HAVE to?

## Question

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Did you miss the fellowship when Church was closed a few weeks ago due to the weather?

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Do you think the  
members of the  
Church in Acts  
missed each other if  
they could not meet?

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1. to the apostles' teaching
2. To fellowship
3. To the breaking of bread

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What does it mean to  
be devoted to the  
breaking of bread?

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Please turn to:

Acts 20: 7

## Acts 20: 7 NIV

*On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.*

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## Acts 2: 42 NIV

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Please turn to:  
Romans 15: 30-32

## Romans 15: 30-32 NIV

*I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.*

## Romans 15: 30-32 NIV

*Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed.*

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Are we a praying  
Church?

## Acts 2: 43 NIV

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*Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.*

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What do we  
experience in our  
Church when we  
meet?

## Acts 2: 44 NIV

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*All the believers were  
together and had  
everything in common.*

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What does it mean  
that they had  
everything in  
common?

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Please turn to:  
1 Corinthians 1:10

# 1 Corinthians 1:10 NIV

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be **perfectly united** in mind and thought.*

## Acts 2: 45-47 NIV

*They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.*

## Acts 2: 45-47 NIV

*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.*

# Question

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What happens when a  
Church is being The  
Church?

## Acts 2: 45-47 NIV

*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.**

Next Week

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Please read

Acts 3: 1-26