

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

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Can we ever get back to this at our core? I heard a phrase that keeps me motivated when I am confused and frustrated about what the “Church” (big C) is supposed to be doing, “fight for clarity!” I also find myself pairing it with another phrase lately, “fight for simplicity.” Here Luke writes about what the early Church did. There was some teaching (really learning), fellowship, agape feasts (food & communion) and prayer. Choirs? No. Productions? No. Concerts? No. I get it. It’s been fun watching all of our “little country church on the edge of town” turn into a mass Christian festival/lollapalooza every weekend. All the flash and flurry just didn’t produce the kinds of disciples we thought it would. Now church looks all fake, produced and extremely complicated. We definitely fit our culture of hyper busy, thousand options, entertainment addicted humans, but wow - it is exhausting. I read this model and yearn for good discussions, good food, lots of laughter and prayer. Does that sound too simple? I’m sure it must because the Covid-19 virus has reduced us to simplicity whether we like it or not. I’m not thankful for the deaths and the loss of jobs, but I am thankful for something big enough to disrupt what the church has become. What will the church look like when this all passes? Hopefully a little more like Luke’s passing comment.

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Dad,

Help us please! Help us BE the people, BE the church you intended us to be.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root