

THE CHURCH'S FOUNDATIONS

(PART 1) ACTS 2:42-47

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: From the beginning, the early Christians devoted themselves to six foundational truths, which are vital today.

APOSTLE'S TEACHING—When the apostles taught, it was as if Christ Himself taught. It is the same when we study the Scriptures today! (Acts 2:42, fn 2:40-43, John 15:26, 27, John 16:1-16, fn 16:13[2nd], Philemon 6, Matthew 28:18-20, fn 28:18-20, Hebrews 5:11-14, fn 5:12, 13) *Why is it important for you to be taught and to teach?*

FELLOWSHIP is a “deep association, a true communion, a close relationship of which the highest example is marriage.” Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Authentic Christianity, page 137. When someone become a Christian, he enters into fellowship and becomes one with other believers. (Acts 2:42, 44, I John 3:14-16, fn 3:15, fn 3:16, Hebrews 10:24, 25, fn 10:22-25, Romans 1:11, 12, fn 1:11, 12) *How do you enjoy the fellowship of your Christian friends? Do you fellowship enough?*

BREAKING OF BREAD—These early believers met in homes and “breaking of bread” probably refers to meals at the close of which they probably paused to remember the Lord by observing what we call communion or “the Lord’s Supper.” Warren Wiersbe, Be Dynamic, page 33. (Acts 2:42, 46, fn 2:42, Luke 22:14-20, fn 22:17, 20[1st], fn 22:17-20[2nd], fn 22:19, fn 22:20, I Corinthians 11:23-26, fn 11:25[1st], fn 11:25[2nd]) *Why do you participate in the Lord’s Supper?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?