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Devotion to the Word

Selections from Acts 2:41-42a

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Background

Having planted our feet in our mission of "Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known", we turn now to the primary way we receive this knowledge: Devotion to the Word. Many churches claim to be devoted to the Word of God -- our own middle(ish) name is 'Bible' -- but what does this look like in practice? How do we bring our whole selves in devotion to the Word of God? Join us this Sunday for the second installment of our series on our PBCC Family Values!

Sermon Text: Acts 2:41-42a (NIV)

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching [...]

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- c. What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday questions

- a. Psalm 119, a Psalm focused on the Word of God, was prominent in the service on Sunday. It is a long Psalm and full of memorable verses. Read through it to determine which verse is your favorite. Why?
- b. Would you say that you are devoted to the Word of God? Why or why not? Would you say that PBCC is devoted to the Word of God? Why or why not?
- c. Eugene said, "Education without transformation is self-deception." How do you respond to this statement?

- d. Would you say that you read and study the Word in order to get “mastered by it?” Why or why not? Are there other ways to read the Word that are fruitful? Explain.
- e. Eugene’s tips for reading the Word well are:
- Study the Bible Inductively (not deductively)
 - Study within a Safe Community
 - Study Your Inner Self
 - Depend on God’s grace and “devotion to you.”
 - Which tip do you want to “improve” at in 2024? Practically speaking, what can you do to do that?