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## “Participation in God’s Work”

*Acts 2:41, 46-47*

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### **Background**

We've spent four out of the first five Sundays of 2024 planting our feet in our PBCC Family Values, the commitments we believe in and hold ourselves to as followers of Jesus Christ. We have one more left to explore: "Participation in God's Work". Join us this Sunday as we reflect on how participating in God's work might just win us the favor of the world.

### **Sermon Text:** *Acts 2:43-45 (NIV)*

*41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day... 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.*

## 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. *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matt 5:14-16)
  - What do you immediately think of when reading these words of Jesus from His Sermon on the Mount? (This was the scripture reading on Sunday.)
- b. As Dan DeWitt said, "We need to listen to how the world perceives us." Do you feel like you enjoy the favor of non-believers? Why or why not? Do you feel that PBCC enjoys the favor of non-believers? Why or why not?
- c. Where do you feel like you are being called to bear witness to the love of God this day, this week, this month or this year?
- d. The Sermon on the Mount contains the "greatness of God's love." But, some people don't think the Sermon on the Mount "works anymore" (Russell Moore). How do you respond to this quote from Russell Moore?
- e. Looking forward to the rest of 2024, which of the four family values do you want to grow in?