
**SERMON
NOTES**

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**“the Truly Missional Church Is Both Deep And Wide”
Acts 2:41-47**

A. *The functions of a healthy church ...*

What are the functions of a healthy, growing church?

- a. A church with authenticated, awe-inspiring apostolic teaching (dynamic learning)
- *it was a learning church*
- b. A church with loving, holistic, deep and sacrificial fellowship (authentic caring)
- *it was a loving church*
- c. A church with sacramental, passionate, prayerful worship (experiential worship)
- *it was a worshipping church*
 1. “the breaking of the bread”
 2. the prayers

It was consequently, a church with Christ-initiated, church-based, continually-occurring mission (relational evangelism and social compassion)
- ***it was a missional church***

I cannot conceive of a church without these necessary defining functions.

B. *The forms of a healthy church ...*

- a. Frequency
- b. Location
- c. Degree of formality

Three things about form and function that are illustrated in Acts 2:

- a. The functions predominate over and determine the forms.
- b. The forms are variable, the functions are not.
- c. We should constantly be reviewing forms to ascertain whether they fulfill their function.

I do not want to be part of a church where forms predominate over function.

C. *The focus of a healthy church...*

**I do not want to be part of a church with an eccentric focus
It must be Christocentric.**

D. *The feelings of a healthy church ...*

I cannot conceive of a church with no passion.

E. *The fruit of a healthy church ...*

I cannot conceive of a church that does not grow.
