

# Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

## Acts 2:42-47 *A Community of Believers*

**\*Action follows belief**

=>Common reasons people are fired (more laziness than insufficiency in abilities)

### **I. Progression of the church**

- A. Living things grow =>seed into trees
- B. Starts with devotion =>devoted to Christ
- C. Elements of devotion
  - 1. Apostles teaching
  - 2. Fellowship
  - 3. Breaking of bread
  - 4. Prayers
- D. Shows in daily life
  - 1. Day by day
  - 2. In the temple
  - 3. In their homes
  - 4. With all the people
- E. Action follows belief

### **II. Community for growth**

- A. Community provides better than being "individual"
  - 1. Individual: personal dedication, effort, personal decisions, all the glory
  - 2. Community: strength, shared knowledge, glory shared or given to others
- B. Growth happens best in community
  - 1. Conviction
  - 2. Accountability
  - 3. Fellowship =>Sailing "fellow" ships
- C. The goal is to become more like Christ ("Christian")
  - 1. John 3:30
  - 2. Galatians 2:20
  - 3. Ephesians 4:11-16

### **III. Live It Out**

- A. Become part of the community
- B. Grow in Christ
- C. Take up responsibility

#### **IV. Action follows belief**