

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

A PORTRAIT OF AN IMPACTFUL CHURCH

ACTS 2:42-47

APRIL 2ND, 2023

Four Characteristics of an Impactful Church

- I. A Centrality of God's Word: vs. 42
- II. Life Transforming Fellowship: vs. 42, 44, 46
- III. Participants, not Spectators:
- IV. Extravagant Generosity: vs. 45-46
- V. Action Steps
 - 1) Pray
 - 2) Learn more:
 - a. Impact Campaign Booklets
 - b. Impact webpage - www.penningtonpark.com/impact
 - c. Building Expansion Info Meetings on April 19th and 30th
 - 3) Consider how you might participate in the Impact Campaign
 - 4) Reflect on which area you need to grow in to have greater gospel impact personally

Questions:

1. When you think about a church that's making an impact, what are some of the first things that come to mind or what would lead you to conclude that a church is making a real impact?
2. From your perspective, what are some of the most common distractions that pull churches away from their mission?
3. Go through each of the four characteristics of an impactful church from Acts 2:42-27, and answer why each of them are so important in order for a church to be healthy. In other words, what would be missing if that particular characteristic was absent?
4. Looking at the four characteristics of an impactful church from Acts 2:42-27, which one is PPC strongest in and then which one is PPC weakest in and why?
5. Which of the four characteristics are you weakest in personally? How might the small group pray and encourage you to grow in that area?