

How to apply narrative parts of the Bible

Introduction

1. Five principles

2. Case Study: Baptism in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

3. Positives and Negatives of "Second Blessing" theology

4. A suggested way forward



A Snapshot of the Early Church



What is the bare minimum that is needed for something to be a church service?

Read Acts 2:42-47

Look back at vs 1-41 if you need a reminder of what we read last week – this passage follows directly on from there.

What is the early church like? What do they do when they meet? Make a list.

Tick which of these things your church/FOCUS does.

What things do we do in church/FOCUS today that are not recorded here?

Should we stop doing things not listed here? What is different for us now? What should be the same?

What does being 'devoted to the apostles teaching' look like today?

What has been your experience in Christian community?

Can you find this kind of community anywhere else?

Vs 47 uses the word 'saved' – What did people need saving from?

Where do you look for help when you are in need.