

The Model Church

Acts 2:42-47

MAIN IDEA: Our lives should show the amazingness of God, bring Him glory, and reveal Him to the world around us.

The Results:

1. Growth
2. Lives Changed
3. Unity
4. Great Reputation

List the examples given by the book of Acts of the results outlined above.

Where else in scripture do we see these kinds of results?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

When thinking about growth, how has God grown Durham Evangelical Church since you've been attending? Are you in a discipling relationship with anyone? Has DEC been faithful to the gospel Jesus Christ has given us?

What are some of the internal and external changes God has brought about in your life since He saved you through His Son, Jesus?

Paul says to be of the "same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind", Philippians 2:2. Are you in conflict with a brother or sister in Christ? What will you do to live in unity with them? Is there a step you can take this week towards unification?

The world is watching us to find fault - are our lives a reflection of Jesus' message and saving power so that the world may still disagree and yet find no fault? How can we "stir up one another to love and good works", Hebrews 10:24?

Pray:

- Thanks to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for the family of believers, both at DEC and world-wide.
- For the continued transformation of your life and the lives of other believers to be a testimony to those who are still separated from God.
- For the Holy Spirit to direct you in the ways you can serve, encourage, grow with, and care for the body of Christ.

REPRODUCE

What have been some significant changes at DEC in the time you've been attending? Have we embraced these changes or held them at arm's length? How does our attitude affect the health of the body? How can we encourage one another to be Christ-like through these "growth spurts"?

How has God poured into the church at DEC and are we pouring out His blessings to others? Where or how can we grow in this?

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Acts 2:42-47
- Acts 2:41
- Acts 5:14
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Acts 8:3
- John 9:25
- Acts 4:32
- Romans 15:5-6

From the study:

- Philippians 2:2
- Hebrews 10:24