**Notes for “The Movement of the Mission” -Acts 2:40-47**

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Introduction:

Difficulty with creating movement in something that is stuck.

Need for Church to rediscover its intended definition as a driven people, not a destination.

1. The Initiation (vv.40-41)

Newton’s first law of motion (law of inertia)-

“An object at rest will remain at rest until acted upon by an external force”

This “jumpstart” involved three elements.

1. Prayer
2. Power
3. Proclamation
4. The Involvement (vv.42, 44-46)

The mission is not something that happens to me, but God does it through me.

They were “given to” or “devoted to” or “consumed by”

1. Refinement- “…the apostles’ doctrine”
2. Relationship- “…and to fellowship”
3. Remembrance- “…to the breaking of bread”
4. Reliance- “…to prayer”
5. The Influence (vv.43, 47a)

The experienced awe within the church and an excellent reputation outside the church.

1. Church (v.43)
2. Community (v.47a)
3. The Impact (v.47b)
4. Consistent “…added daily”

Growth was normal, not the exception.

1. Compounding

Efforts are more effective when the whole understand their role.

1. Character-driven “The Lord added…”

We have a part but God ultimately produces.

What, or who, has changed in this process? Why does it look so different today?