

# **A WORSHIPPING CHURCH**

## **Acts 1-5**

**What does a worshipping church look like?**

### **I. SOME MARKS OF A WORSHIPFUL CHURCH**

#### **A. HOPE-INSPIRED**

1. Because Jesus is coming again! (1:9-11)
2. Because Christ's resurrection end agony! (2:22-24)

#### **B. PRAYER-SATURATED**

1. A devotion to consistent prayer (1:14)
2. Seeking God's will regarding leaders (1:24-26)
3. Asking for God's aid in evangelism (4:29)

#### **C. SCRIPTURE-GROUNDED**

1. Operating from a biblical perspective (1:15-20) > Psalm 69:25 & 109:8
2. Recognizing biblical prophecy (2:14-21) > Joel 2:28-32
3. Correlating events with the Psalms
  - a. Christ's resurrection (2:25-28) > Psalm 16:25-28
  - b. Christ's exaltation (2:34-35) > Psalm 110:1
  - c. Christ's preeminence (4:11) > Psalm 118:22
  - d. God's creation (4:24) > Psalm 146:6
  - e. Heathen resistance (4:25-26) > Psalm 2:1-2
4. Aware of Old Testament writings
  - a. Moses' words (3:22) > Deuteronomy 18:19
  - b. The prophets predictions (3:24) > From Samuel onward
  - c. God's promise to Abraham (3:25) > Genesis 22:18

#### **D. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED**

1. 120 filled with the Spirit (2:1-4)
2. Peter filled with the Spirit (4:8)
3. They were all emboldened by the Spirit (4:31)

#### **E. GOD-FOCUSED**

1. In their witness (2:11)
2. In their explanation (2:22-24)
3. By their presentation (2:32-33)
4. In their integrity (5:3-4)

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**F. GOSPEL-GIVING**

1. Salvation comes by calling on the Lord (2:21) > Quoting Joel 2:32
2. Urging repentance from sin and identification with Christ (2:37-40)
3. Calling unbelievers to repent for the removal of sin (3:19)
4. Proclaiming salvation through Christ alone (4:12)

**G. CHRIST-PROCLAIMING**

1. From David's prophetic promise (2:29-31) > Quoting Psalm 132:11 then 16:10
2. With regard to His death and resurrection and faith in His name (3:13-18)
3. Powerfully telling of Christ's resurrection (4:33)
4. Teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ (5:42)

**I. CONGREGATIONALLY-CONNECTED**

1. Devoting themselves to growth (2:42)
2. Respectfully regarding God (2:43)
3. Sacrificing (2:44-45 and see 4:32-35)
4. Fellowshiping (2:46)
5. Praising (47a)

**II. SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT A WORSHIPPING CHURCH****A. TRUE WORSHIP WILL NOT GO UNNOTICED**

1. By God (2:1-4 and 4:33)
2. By Others (2:12-13 & 47; 4:13; 5:12-13)

**B. TRUE WORSHIP WILL NOT BE POPULAR WITH SOME**

1. Some citizens mocked (2:13)
2. Many religionists rebelled (4:1-3 & 18; 5:17-18, 33, 40)

**C. TRUE WORSHIP CAN DRAW PEOPLE TO CHRIST**

1. As a result of Peter's message (2:37-40)
2. In response to a lame man's healing (4:4)
3. After the church was cleansed of sin (5:14)

**D. WORSHIPPING CHURCHES ARE MADE UP OF COMMITTED AND WORSHIPFUL CHRISTIANS**

1. Those who stand for God (4:19-21)
2. Those who know God (4:23-28)
3. Those who obey God (5:27-32)
4. Those who rejoice in God (5:41-42)

**E. THIS WORSHIPPING CHURCH WAS GAINING CONVERTS**

1. 3,000 added (2:41)
2. Numbers added day by day (2:47)
3. 5,000 believed (4:4)
4. Multitudes were constantly added (5:14)
5. They were dynamic, effective and thriving!

**CONCLUSION:**

*Are you a worshipping Christian?  
- Are we a worshipping church?*

**My prayer is that we would examine the characteristics of our church and acknowledge our successes but also address our shortcomings and thereby worship better.**