

Acts 2:42-47

1. The Sabbath: A creation mandate

A. "Remember it"

Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy."

The Sabbath Everyday verses the seventh day

B. "Keep it Holy"

Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

1 Thessalonians 3:10-13 "Praying exceedingly that... [God will release His Spirit and grace to] perfect what is lacking in your faith?... And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all... that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father."

Paul urges us in Hebrews 12:14 that those that aren't Holy won't see the Lord.

2. Corporate Worship

A. Prayer and Worship

Prayer and worship is agreeing with who God is and what He is doing and proclaiming it!

He dwells in the praises of His people.

God's appointed time and structure was given to us from the beginning of a time set apart for Him.

The provision that we receive from this time leads to a blessing from the Lord and being a blessing to Him.

Sunday mornings aren't just for us to be ministered to but for us to minister to God.

Presence – Lifts, heals (body, mind, emotions...), proclaims and makes known.

B. Teaching/ Learning

If we aren't learners then we aren't teachers and if we aren't teachers then we aren't learners!

Teaching and learning give us revelation of who God is. The main way we express that together in unity is when we preach and listen on Sunday mornings.

Message> Truth> Freedom

C. Communion

Remembrance of what Jesus did!

D. They were devoted to the Apostles teaching... breaking of bread

Being fed the word Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"

The second part to living Holy is by hearing the Word and renewing your mind!

Romans 12:1-2 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Ephesians 1:17-19

Questions to Be Discussed

1. In what ways are we honoring the Sabbath?
2. How can we get better at resting in the Lord?
3. What is something we could cut out of our life that would allow us to join God in this creation mandate?
4. Why does God desire us to live Holy?
5. What do Sunday Morning services at church have to do with any of this?