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ACTS 2:42

# the series...

1. What JESUS said...
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# What JESUS said...



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# What JESUS said...

## Luke 2:40-52

“...the child *grew and became strong*, filled with *wisdom*. And the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind...



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# What JESUS said...

Luke 2:40-52

...in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.



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# What JESUS said...

## Luke 2:40-52

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting *among the teachers, listening* to them and *asking them questions*. And all who heard him were amazed at his *understanding* and his *answers*. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished.



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# What JESUS said...

Luke 2:40-52

And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And *he went down with them* and came to Nazareth and was *submissive* to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.



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What JESUS said...

Luke 2:40-52

And Jesus increased in *wisdom* and *in stature*  
and *in favor* with *God and man*.



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# What JESUS said...

## Thoughts / Luke 2:40-52

### Comments...

- Human
- Catch-phrase  
    “He grew” (2:40; 2:52)
- Submission

### Text...

2:40 - Child grew, strong, wisdom, favor with God

2:51 – was submissive to [his parents]

2:52 – Jesus increased wisdom, stature, favor with God and man.



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# What the EARLY CHURCH did...



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# What the EARLY CHURCH did...

Acts 2:42

“...they devoted themselves to the apostles’  
TEACHING and the *fellowship*, to the *breaking  
of bread* and the *prayers*.”



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# What the EARLY CHURCH did...

1 Peter 2:1-2

“...rid yourself of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation...”



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# What the EARLY CHURCH did...

## Learning

- Early church learned from each other...
  - Oral tradition
  - Discipleship practice
  - Sharing together (Acts 2:44-45)
    - “all things in common”
  - Occupations passed down...
    - Tent-makers, fishermen, husband-men, labour
    - “The Lord our God hates the slothful.”



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# What EARLY PENTECOSTALS did...



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# What EARLY PENTECOSTALS did...

## Teaching/Learning

### *Learning within the fellowship*

- More “spirit learning” and less “academic learning”

### *Spiritual Journey (Divine Participation)*

1. Experience of new birth (*Justification*)
2. Experience of Spiritual growth (*Sanctification*)
3. Experience of empowerment (*Spirit Baptism*)



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**What THE CHURCH TODAY  
needs to do...**



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# What THE CHURCH TODAY needs to do...

## Learning Together

Why do we learn/teach?

1. Unity
2. Purpose
3. Humility
4. Confidence



# What THE CHURCH TODAY needs to do...

## Practical Thoughts

### 1. *Teaching*

- We all have something to add to the table

### 2. *Learning*

- There's always something to learn

### 3. *Sunday Night Bible Study*

- Teaching/Learning together

### 4. *Spiritual Growth*

- Allowing the Spirit to teach you



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The early church was devoted...  
Are We?



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