

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VII – The Apostolic Mission
Lesson 8 – The Epitome of the Local Assembly

I. Acts 2:41-42 The First Local Assembly

A. Candidates for Baptism: those who gladly received the word (vs. 41)

B. Perseverance (vs. 42)

1. The Apostles' teaching (listed first – priority)

a. Matt. 28:19-20 Great Commission involves teaching

b. Acts 20:18-27 The WHOLE body of teaching

c. Eph. 1:15-18 The HOPE and the INHERITANCE

d. Jude 1:3 The TEACHING must be defended

2. Fellowship (koinonia)

a. 1 Cor. 1:9 called to the 'fellowship' of the Son

b. Phil. 2:1 'fellowship' accomplished through the holy Breath

c. 1 John 1:1-7 'fellowship' based on the common teaching

3. Breaking bread (common meals)

a. vs. 46 eating meals together

b. Acts 20:20 combined with teaching

4. Prayers (collective)

a. Matt. 6:9-13 "Our Father" – plural

b. Matt. 18:19-20 two or more

c. Acts 4:23-31 collective prayers

II. Acts 2:43 The POWER of the Apostles' Message confirmed by God

A. Mark 16:15-20

III. Acts 2:44-45 Sharing resources (Acts 4:32-37)

IV. Acts 2:46-47 One Accord

A. Gladness & simplicity (Gr. "without obstacles in the path")

1. 1 Tim. 6:3-11 riches are obstacles