

*Acts 2:42, 46 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*

When we think about the early church, this is the picture that needs to come to mind. A quick scan of these verses tells us that the teachings of the apostles, fellowship, worship and prayer were integral parts of their daily lives. We should strive to be the same.

We have the teaching of the apostles in the Bible. We learn from Matthew, Peter, John and Paul about Jesus' life, what it means for us and what will happen in the future. By staying in His Word, we ensure we test everything we hear and we learn who God is.

We also see the importance of fellowship. Sharing a meal is a very special way of communicating with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can also fellowship by sharing other events – movies, games, sporting events, retreats. These all give us an opportunity to grow closer together while coming closer to God.

Worship was high on their priority list. This worship occurred in both the temple and in the houses of these Christians. They knew that the single thing they could actually give God was their gift of worship.

Finally, prayer was the key habit of the infant church. When to preach? When to go out? Who to choose for a ministry? What to decide regarding major issues? They always inquired of God first.

By following the Early Church's model, the Church today can become a powerful tool for God to use in building His kingdom. Are we ready to be used?