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The transformation of people into a community of grace-filled

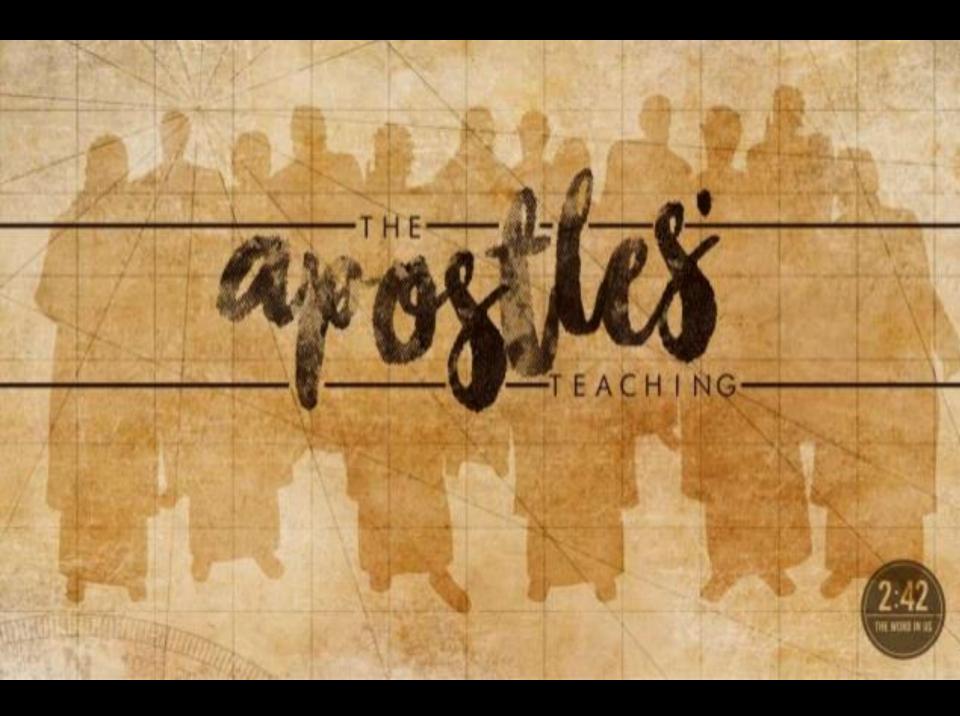
ACTS 2:37-47

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



A key source of growth towards maturity in Christ is devotion to God's word.

They were continually devoting themselves

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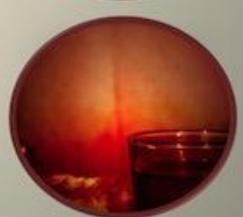
- the apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer

Acts 2:42









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- I. What is meant by "the Apostle's Teaching?"
- II. Why is devotion to them important?
- III. Where do we foster this devotion here at FCF?
- IV. What should happen when we are devoted to it?

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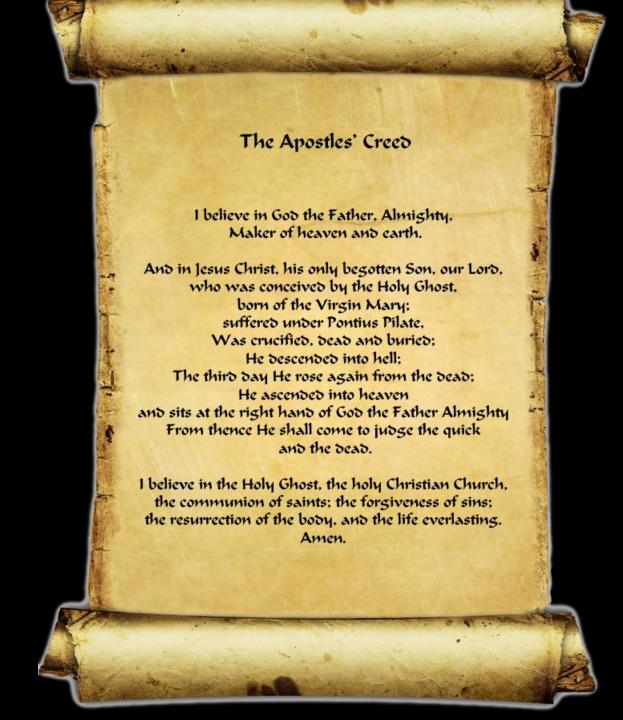
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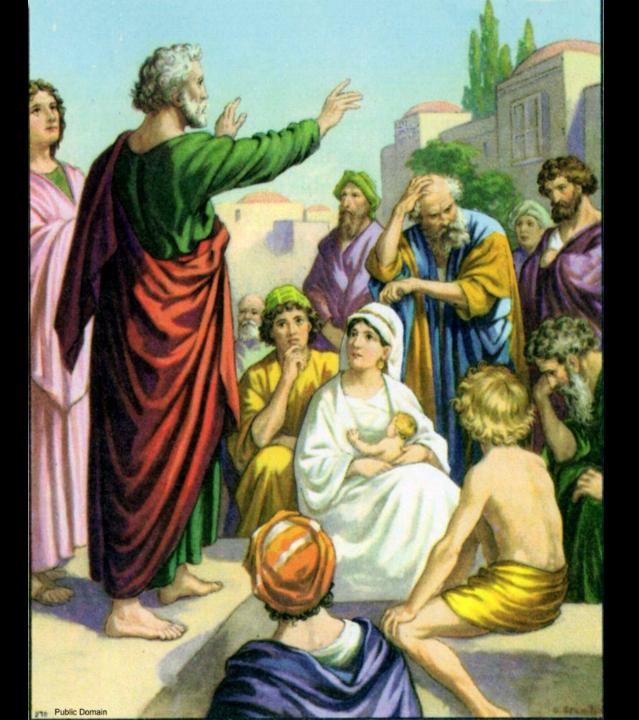
It is not enough to proclaim Jesus. For there are many different Jesuses being presented today... the apostles told the story of Jesus at 3 levels – as historical event (witnessed by their own eyes), as having theological significance

(interpreted in scripture) and as contemporary (confronting men and women with the necessity of decision). We have the same responsibility today to tell the story of Jesus as fact, doctrine, and gospel.

John Stott



II. Why is "devotion" to the Apostles Teaching important?





III. Where do we foster this devotion here at FCF?

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☐ Preaching the word (The heart)

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 □ Encountering the word in small groups

 (the hands)

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IV. What happens when we are devoted to the Apostles Teaching? (vv.43-47)

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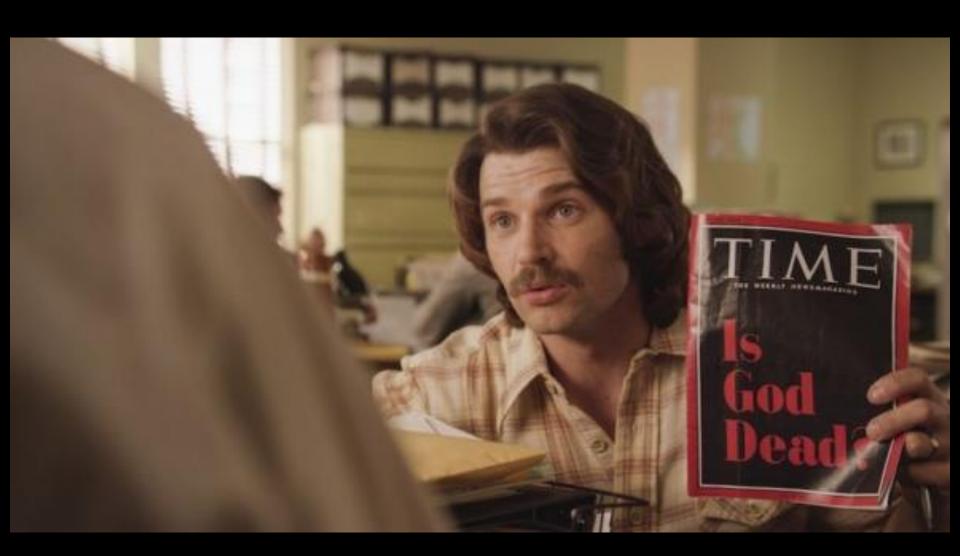
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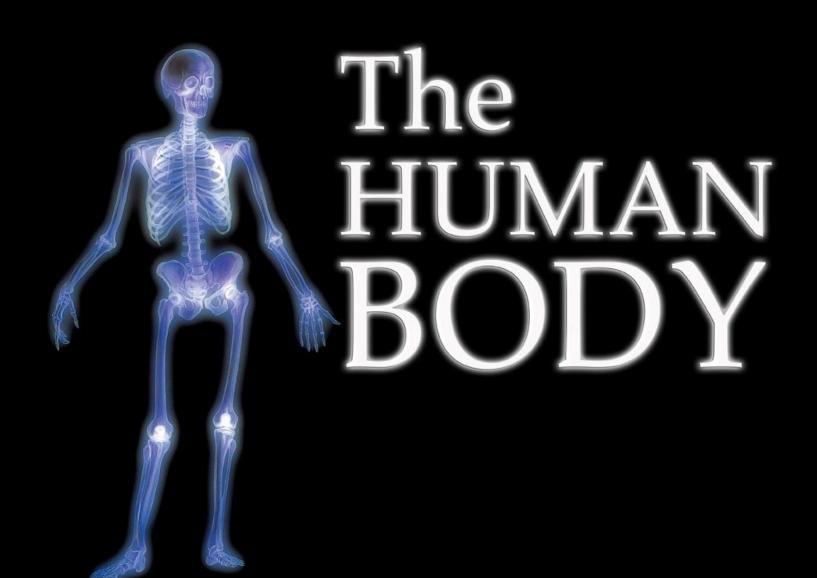
A JOURNALIST'S PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE EVIDENCE FOR JESUS.











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