

Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church
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Series: *30-Day Church Challenge*

Topic: *“And They Called It THE CHURCH”*

Text: Acts 2:38-47

1. According to God’s promise, they were all filled with the **power of the Holy Spirit** (Acts 1:8)

2. Not the acts of the Apostles, but the acts of the **Holy Spirit!**

3. The Holy Spirit was working so powerfully that everyone was ignited and touched by God

- They were **clothed with power** from on high (Luke 24:48-49)

4. This new “*church*” was so irresistible, so contagious, so compelling, so powerful, so influential, so attractive, that it couldn’t be **ignored**

5. Five things that made this Spirit-filled church so compelling...

- a) They were committed to **authentic community**
 - The church is where you can experience relationships the way they were **meant** to be
 - They “*devoted*” themselves to the **fellowship** (Acts 2:42)

- They were **energized** by the Holy Spirit and **motivated** by a **relational commitment** to **one another**

b) They gave God wholehearted **worship** (Romans 11:36-12:1)

- They assembled to worship every week (Acts 2:47)
- The church is where God gets the glory **He deserves**

c) They took their spiritual **growth** seriously

- *They devoted themselves to the “apostles teaching”* (Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 4:8)
- The church is where you can become the **best** you can be!
- God made the church so you could be with God and His people and learn about God and His ways

d) They invested in **positive** priorities (Acts 2:45)

- They gave to anyone as he had need.
- What are the positive and eternal priorities? People/Needs
- The church is where our **time, talents** and **treasure** get invested for **eternity**

e) They invited others to **join them**

- *“The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved”* (Acts 2:47)\
- The church is where **people** get adopted into **God’s forever family**