## Being & Doing Church in the 21st Century Discovering the Meaning, Mission, & Significance of the Early Church

## Church Formation (Part II) - Acts 2

- A Pentecost Sermon (Acts 2:14-41)
  - o Explanation of Phenomena (vv. 14-21)
  - o Gospel Message (vv. 22-33)
  - Theological Affirmation of Jesus (v. 36)
  - o The Appeal & Offer (vv. 38-40)
  - o The Response (v. 41)

- What is the importance of Proclaiming the Gospel for today's Church?
  - O Why preach the Gospel Message?
  - What is the importance of a proper theological understanding of Jesus?
  - Why is the Appeal & Offer the most critical part of the message?

## • A Portrait of the Early Church (Acts 2: 42-47)

- o Teaching
- o Fellowship
  - Unity
  - Giving
  - Sacrifice
- o Breaking of Bread
  - Solidarity
  - Deep Friendship (Love one for another)
  - Breaking Down of Social Barriers
- o Prayer
- o Praise
- o Growth
- What does this mean for the Church of the 21st Century?
  - What is the significance of Teaching
  - O How does Fellowship impact the church of today?
  - O What does the breaking of bread represent for our ministry?
  - O What is the necessity of prayer?
  - o How do we evidence true Praise?