

How do I know if this is the right church for me? How do I know which church is church is the right church for me? To find the answer to that question, we should ask the question, "what kind of church is Jesus pleased with?" What can we do to make this church a place where God is honored and obeyed? That is the real question facing the church today. Today I'm going to give you another four fingerprints of an authentic New Testament Church.

Spiritual Growth 42

Teaching ______ the saints

Fellowship Encourages the Saints

Worship Exalts Christ

Prayer energizes the Saints

Powerful Transformation 43

When divine happenings occur people are filled with _____

The ______ were gifted with the ability to do miracles and signs

Hebrews 2:3-4 God also bore them witness with signs and wonders

What? Signs, wonders and miracles

When? At first. At the _____ of the Church age

Why? To ______ the church

I do believe in miracles, I do not believe in miracle workers

When God really changes you the community takes notice

Authentic Ministry 44-45



They were together

The early church practiced a form of ______

They "WERE" together. They "HAD" all things in common

Ministry begins with people who love to be ______ each other

They had all things in common

The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it

The reason you have been given wealth is so you can _____

God loves it when we give voluntarily from a joyful heart

They divided them among everyone according to need

The early church gave to meet the needs of the individual

In a dynamic church _____ contributes to the meeting of needs

Exceptional Community 46



They connect daily.

They are in one accord. There is a unity that is unparalleled.

They worship together.

They are ______ to be together. We can't get enough of one another!

Effective Outreach 46-47



When the people are growing the world takes _____

<u>If we build it, they will come.</u> That slogan was a great story line for a baseball movie, but for churches, we need to rewrite it: If we are authentic, they will come. If we fulfill the purposes God gave to the church, they will come. There is no substitute for Spiritual Growth, Powerful Transformation, Authentic Ministry or Effective Outreach.