



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message

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Text: Acts 2:37-47

WORD OF THE DAY = "FAMILY"

Introduction: What happens when you don't fit in? That should NEVER happen in the church. The church is a living organism (**Ephesians 4-5**) and a family (**Titus 2, Romans 8, Hebrews 10:24-25**). We must grow together in fellowship and love. We need to see the real benefits of having a strong church family. Let's study about the early church.....

Discussion:

- I. CONVICTION (v.37)***
 - A. Heart Opens The Mouth
 - B. Mouth Reveals The Heart
- II. ASSOCIATION (vs.38-39)***
 - A. Remission = Reception
 - B. Called = Children
- III. IDENTIFICATION (v.41)***
 - A. Personal Faith
 - B. Public Faith
- IV. ADORATION (v.42)***
 - A. Worshipping
 - B. Witnessing
- V. COMMUNICATION (vs.42-43)***
 - A. Congregation
 - B. Community
- VI. ADMIRATION (vs.44-45)***
 - A. Common Living
 - B. Common Love
- VII. DEDICATION (vs.46-47)***
 - A. Saints Studying the Word
 - B. Saints Serving the World

Conclusion: The purpose of the family of God is to draw us closer to the Father (**I John 1:6-8**). How is your relationship with God? How is your relationship to the family of God?