

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Acts, part 13, 09-05-2021

1. Read Acts 5:17-42

2. What we hope to accomplish through this study of the book of Acts, is not only to increase our Bible knowledge. But as we go through this book together, to see what we can _____ in our own Christian life and in our own church family.

3. Thom Rainer of Church Answers, reports that he is seeing a trend in church attendance. He is trying to help us understand what's going on. He calls it "The 30-40-30 Hypothesis for the Post-Quarantine Church".

30% who have dropped out

40% who have returned but are not really committed

30% who are fully committed.

4. One of the things that every church struggles with is how to stay on _____. We are constantly pressured by all kinds of forces, including a pandemic, to be distracted and to get off mission.

5. God has chosen the _____ to make known His grace, mercy and love for the world.

6. Read Matthew 28:19-20.

The Argyle Mission:

"Leading real life change through Jesus from the inside out."

7. We all have a natural tendency to think that it's all about me and what I want. In a use of satire, we call that "ME Church". But we shouldn't be surprised, since most people shop for churches as a consumer instead of a servant.

8. In the book of Acts, we see a church that is changing the world. Why?

Because they had all things in common.

They had the same mission and vision.

They were together in unity.

Because they were outward focused instead of inward focused.

9. Read 2 Timothy 3:12.

As Christians, we should be surprised if we are NOT persecuted for our faith.