

#### 3 Story living



Nov. 10th, 17th & 24th

Nov. 9th





#### la Jesus Name mobile medical clinic



November 21st

 $10_{am}$  -  $3_{pm}$ 

# The story, power and purpose of the Church.



...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9



### Movie Clip

#### I'm devoted to \_\_\_\_?



## What were the first followers of Jesus devoted to?

What what we can learn from them?

## 120 People

Acts 1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)

# 3,000 People

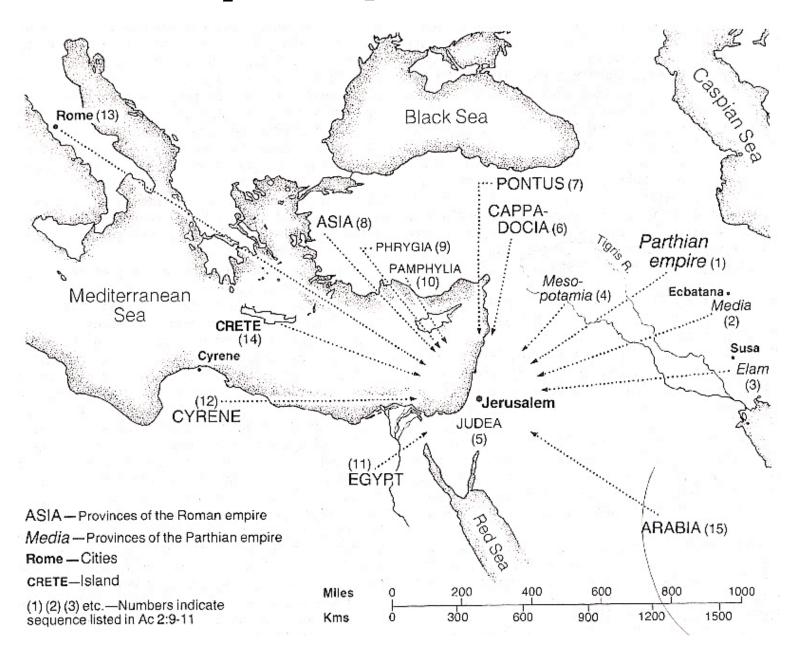
Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

### What shall we do?

Acts 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

### Acts 2:42-47

#### People of Pentecost



### New Community of believers



### Conflict with Jewish religious authority

### A new community?

Hebrew:

eirev rav = MIXED MULTITUDE.

- Out of Egypt.

### Devoting themselves

- 1. Apostles teachings.
- 2. Fellowship Mutual <u>INVESTMENT</u> in relationships.
- 3. Breaking of bread REMEMBERING & CELEBRATING.
- 4. Prayer 3:1; 4:24; 6:4; 10:9; 13:3; 14:23

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- 2. WOW a sense of awe. vs.43

What makes it all hang together? I think the key is found in verse 43 in the phrase, "trembling sense of awe" that you don't trifle with the God of the apostles... Today for most people, including most professing Christians, God is an idea to talk about, or an inference from an argument, or a family tradition to be preserved.



But for very few people is God a stark, fearsome, stunning, awesome, shocking present REALITY. He is tame. He is distant. He is silent. Where are the churches of whom Luke could say today, "Fear—awe, wonder, trembling—is upon



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every soul"?

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- 3. Glad and sincere hearts = <u>PROFOUNDLY</u> <u>HAPPY!</u> vs.46
- 4. Thanked God! vs.47
- 5. Their NUMBERS grew! vs.47

#### Take Aways

- 1. What are YOU DEVOTED to? Time/Treasure/Talent
- 2. Are you "SAVED"? Acts 2:40
- 3. Do <u>OTHER PEOPLE</u> take notice of your devotion?
- 4. One MORE thing... GO. Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8

# EWS

