



#homedevos 13.1

WHERE JESUS IS KING

Authentic Gospel-Centered Kingdom Community

Introduction:

- Two weeks ago, we started to look at the first church how it looked like, what they did and what we can learn from them. We read about it Acts 2:42-47.
- Do you remember the Memory Verse?
Remember, we are busy filling our hearts and minds with the Word of God, where no man can steal it. Another good reason for having the Word of God in our hearts (memorizing Scripture) is that we do not always have a Bible at hand when we need it. When it is in our hearts, Holy Spirit, our Helper, reminds us of it. Always at the right time when we need it the most.

Let us say it all together. Acts 2:42: *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

Well done! (Repeat another two times. Give high fives.)

- What was the first thing we saw about them? *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.*
Can you remember what it means? They were totally committed to learn from the disciples, what Jesus taught them.
We also said that we make time for the things that are really important to us.
Reflection: Did we implement the decisions we made regarding our priorities and do we stick to it?

When we were at school sports days where different schools gathered for sports, there were many people milling and moving around: children, parents, teachers, visitors, young and old. Yet it was easy to see who came from which school.

How? Yes, the children wore their school colours (prescribed sports clothes) and they were mostly in their groups together. If you looked closely, you would even see they have specific way of behavior and doing things.



Activity:

Complete Activity Sheet pages 1 and 2 (or you can do it at the end of the devos) - <http://www.christiancentre.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CCA-Kids-homedevos-13.1-Activity-Sheets.pdf>

In the same way, when one looks at a community, where we stay and live life between and with many other different people, it should be easy to see who belong to Jesus and follow Him whole-heartedly. This is what happened with the first church. What they did and how they lived were like their school uniform, totally different and distinct from all other.

We read in Acts 2:42-47 about seventeen things they did, and it is almost overwhelming. So many things! But when we look closely, we see it boils down to two things: they loved Jesus whole-heartedly and they loved one another sacrificially. We see it in their actions, in what they did.



Questions:

- Can you list what they did because they loved Jesus whole-heartedly? (verses 42-43)
- What did they do as a result of their love for one another? (verses 44-47)

It is like at school: you are loyal and love your school, proud of being part of it, but you are also loyal and committed to your school friends – especially on a sports day.



Question:

- What do people see when they look at our family and our lives?
- Do you think they can see in the way we live that we really and whole-heartedly love Jesus?
- Do you think they can see the love of Jesus in our hearts for people around us?
- Or do we live undercover – like going to the sports day in civvies so that nobody will know from which school you are?

meaning of #devoicons



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activity



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together



memory
verse



ask a
question



family
talk



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to audio

Jesus said in Matthew 5 that His disciples, His followers, us, are salt and light in this world. In Matthew 5:16 (TPT) translation we read:

“So do not hide your light!

Let it shine brightly before others,

So that the commendable (good) things you do

Will shine as light upon them,

And they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.”



Prayer: Let us respond in prayer to Jesus.

- Pray for one another where you find difficulty to shine the love of Jesus.
- Pray for the church that Jesus will ignite our love for Him, that we will passionately and whole-heartedly love Him above all else.



Watch this lovely video clip together:

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine ...”.

<https://youtu.be/cKkblZtqhyQ>



Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16 (Use actions)

Let your light so shine before men,

That they may see your good works

And glorify your Father in heaven.



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Complete the rest of the Activity Sheets -

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