

## II. A GOOD CHURCH PURSUES PROPER LIFE MISSION

(Acts 2:37-47)

A good church will:

Devote to **learning Scriptures, Christ honoring worship, believing prayer life and fellowship through service**

*Acts 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

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### I. UNDERSTAND THE WORD (*Apostle's teaching*)

- Shift from Law centric to Christ centric
  - We need to understand the central story of the Word
  - We need the Word

#### \* Points to Share:

- 1) Why do you need the Word? How has the Word shaped you, protected you, guided you and changed you?
- 2) If a friend asked you to explain the central story of the Bible – what would you say?
- 3) At a Word-centered church such as Anaheim, what are things we can do to move from merely hearers of the Word to doers of the Word?

### II. PARTNER IN THE WORK (*Fellowship*)

- Shift from keeping for self to sharing to others
- Shift from cultural community to spiritual unity
- Shift from individual works/deeds to corporate service for the King

#### \* Points to Share:

- 1) Who are you partnering with in God's work? Who can you identify as your fellow worker?
- 2) Share what motivates you to participate in gospel work. Share what dissuades from given yourself fully to the work.
- 3) What keeps us from shifting from being a cultural community (Vietnamese American) to one of spiritual unity at Anaheim?
- 4) How can we involve others in the work of the gospel at our church? What are untapped resources that can help us maximize the work of the gospel? What are the unreached areas that God is moving us to reach for His name?

### III. PRAISE FOR CHRIST'S WORK (*Breaking of Bread*)

- Shift from our commitment to the Cross
  - Pattern of Worship
  - Response in Worship
  - Impact of Worship

### IV. PRAY FOR HIS WILL (*Prayer*)

- Shift from ritual to dependence & gratitude
  - Prayer of dependence
  - Prayer for discernment
  - Prayer in service and suffering
  - Prayer with gratitude in the work