

Viral Culture

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Questions: If you are a hockey fan, who are you cheering for? How much of the “sports culture” have you embraced (i.e. jerseys, caps ...)?

Read Acts 2:40-42

Verse 42: “All the believers devoted themselves ...”

Question: What does it mean to be “devoted”?

The Culture of the First Church:

- **They were devoted to the Apostles Teaching**

Jesus didn't fit the cultural expectations of a Messiah.

Read Acts 2:36

Question: How does our culture influence how you think about God and what it means to be a follower of Jesus?

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism:

- A god exists who created the world and watches over us.
- God wants people to be good and to be nice to each other.
- The goal of life is to be happy.
- God is out there if you have a problem.
- Good people go to heaven when they die.

Religion helps you to be nice (it's moralistic) and feel good (it's therapeutic), but otherwise God stays out of the way except in emergencies (it's Deist).

Ron Powell

Read John 8:24

Question: What are some of the differences between really following Jesus as compared to what our culture thinks it means to follow Jesus?

- **They were devoted To fellowship**

Read Acts 2:46

Question: As a follower of Jesus, He is essential but how essential is the church?

I've never seen decreasing attendance at church lead to increasing devotion to Jesus.

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Faith is something we do together. It is not private.

- **They were devoted to prayer**

Read Acts 1:14; 2:1-2, 43, 47

Questions: What does it look like for you to devote yourself to prayer? What would happen if you do?