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**Key Church: The Church at Jerusalem**

Acts 2:41-47 The Message

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- Salvation
- Baptism
- Teaching of God's Word
- There did life together
- Food and fellowship
- Prayer and worship
- Miracles - **Definition:** Things happening that could only be explained in the context of God's power
- Transformed lives and attitudes

**Results:**

- Favor with those outside the Church. (Recognized as good) "*People in general liked what they saw*"
- Their numbers grew (Healthy things grow!)

**Was it Effective?** Acts 5:28 – "You have filled Jerusalem..."

At IBB we want to emulate the church at **Jerusalem** by being **SIMPLE**.

**A Simple Purpose**

Using our compass as a constant reminder, we strive to help people learn to...

- **Love God**
- **Love God's Word**
- **Love One Another**
- **Love their Neighbor**

Matthew 22:37-40

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**A Simple Structure**

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- Body with many different but important parts.
- Family with relationships being the driving force and the One Anothers being the unifying code of conduct.
- Flock with Pastors serving as the leaders and servants under the authority of the Good Shepherd – Jesus.
- Bride looking ahead and preparing Herself for the coming of the Groom – Jesus.

**We are an organism, not an organization**

As such we believe that growth and change are positive  
And the life of the church has priority over the structure or schedule

**A Simple Principle**

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- Receive
- Rejoice
- Release



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