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There are plenty of ideas about what it means to be a church. There are also a variety of ideas about what a church does and how we should relate to it. In Acts 2, the church was born. It is there that we see the church as God intends for it to work. Today we introduce our thirty day journey “*Be the Church*”.

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1. They committed to authentic \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. They gave God wholehearted \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. They took their \_\_\_\_\_ seriously.
  
4. They invested in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
5. They invited others to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**2. They gave God wholehearted worship.**

*“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen...I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Romans 11:36-12:1, ESV).*

**3. They took their spiritual growth seriously.**

*“For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:8, ESV).*

**4. They invested in positive priorities.**

**5. They invited others to join them.**

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