
Big Idea: Slogans and core values and mission statements – these sound more like a business or marketing enterprise. The church is not a business, rather it is a people called by God - figurately “the bride of Christ.” This summer we’re going through BBF’s core values,. These are general characteristics of the people, ministries, and priorities, all derived from the Biblical texts.

I. Introduction

Why is the church unlike a business?

II. The Text

Acts 2:42-47

How specific is this description of the early church?

What are the dangers of “getting theology out of the book of Acts”?

What does the book of Acts provide us with?

III. BBF’s Core Values

(note: these values, the diagram, statement of faith, etc. are all posted at www.bridgebible.org)

What are the three general areas/categories?

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2)

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What does it look like when you remove (i.e. a church ignores) one of these values?

Why do TRUTH and GRACE run through the middle of it all?

IV. Conclusion

What promise does Jesus make about The Church?

Matthew 16