



The
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OF THE APOSTLES



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47



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- Luke and Acts started as **one book** encouraging **Theophilus** on the life and works of Jesus
- Jesus **risers from the dead** and reveals himself.
- Jesus **reveals his mission** for the church.
- His believers are **filled with the Holy Spirit** and are empowered to complete the church's mission.
- He reminds all with ears to hear that **this was always documented** in the Holy Scriptures



- The life of Jesus and the fulfillment of the OT **validates** that God made Jesus Lord and Christ
- The Jews face their reality of being enemies of God without Christ, and ask "what must we do?"
- **Peter's tells them** to repent and trust Jesus.



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[**de·vo·ted**]

1. Continued, steadfast
2. Firmly fixed in place
3. Having a strong love



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JOHN 8:29-31

29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him. 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.



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A community desiring health must distinguish

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Key Indicator:

Sacrificial Care

The Danger of Materialism

- Luke 10:30–37 The Good Samaritan
- Luke 12:16–21 The Rich Young Ruler
- Luke 16:19–31 Rich Man and Lazarus

The Point:

We are family!



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The antidote to discontentment is **GRATEFULNESS**



Discontent



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*Environments
of Gratefulness*

*Practices of
Giving*



CONTENTMENT



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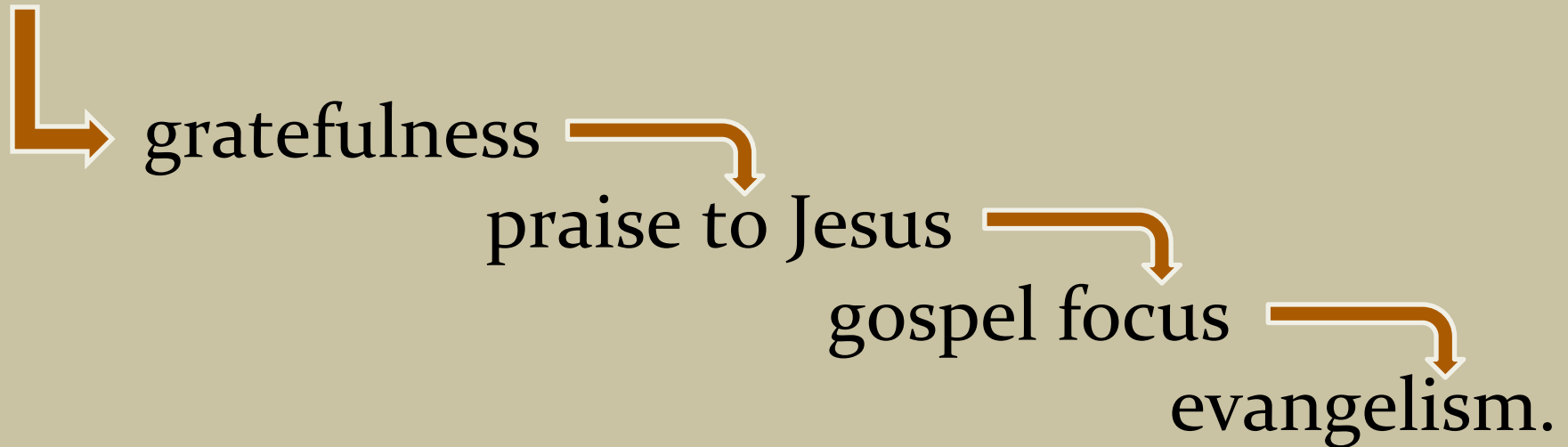
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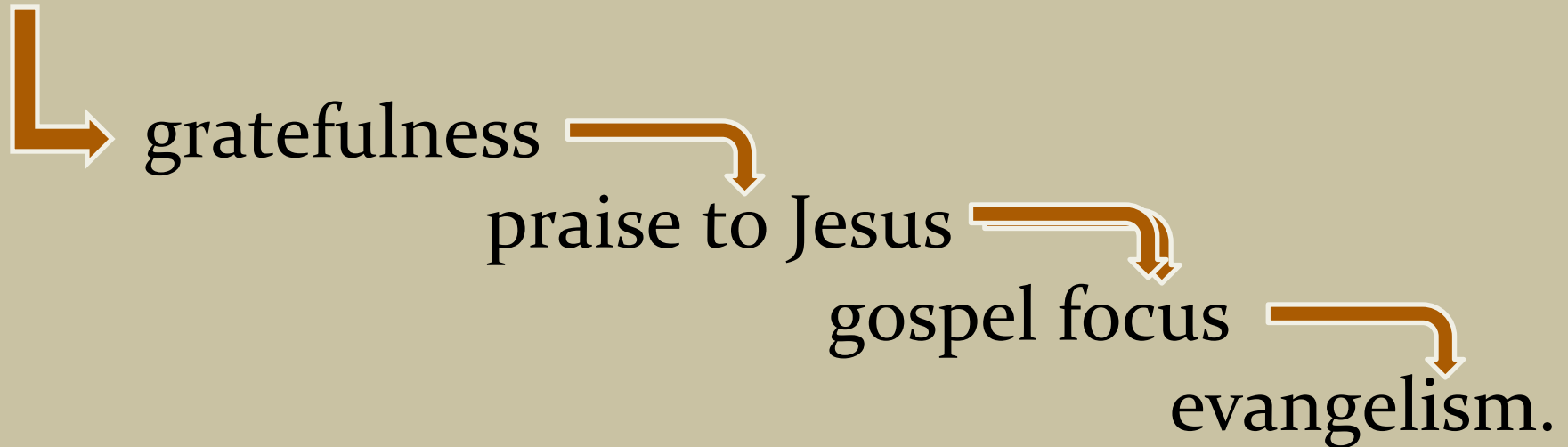


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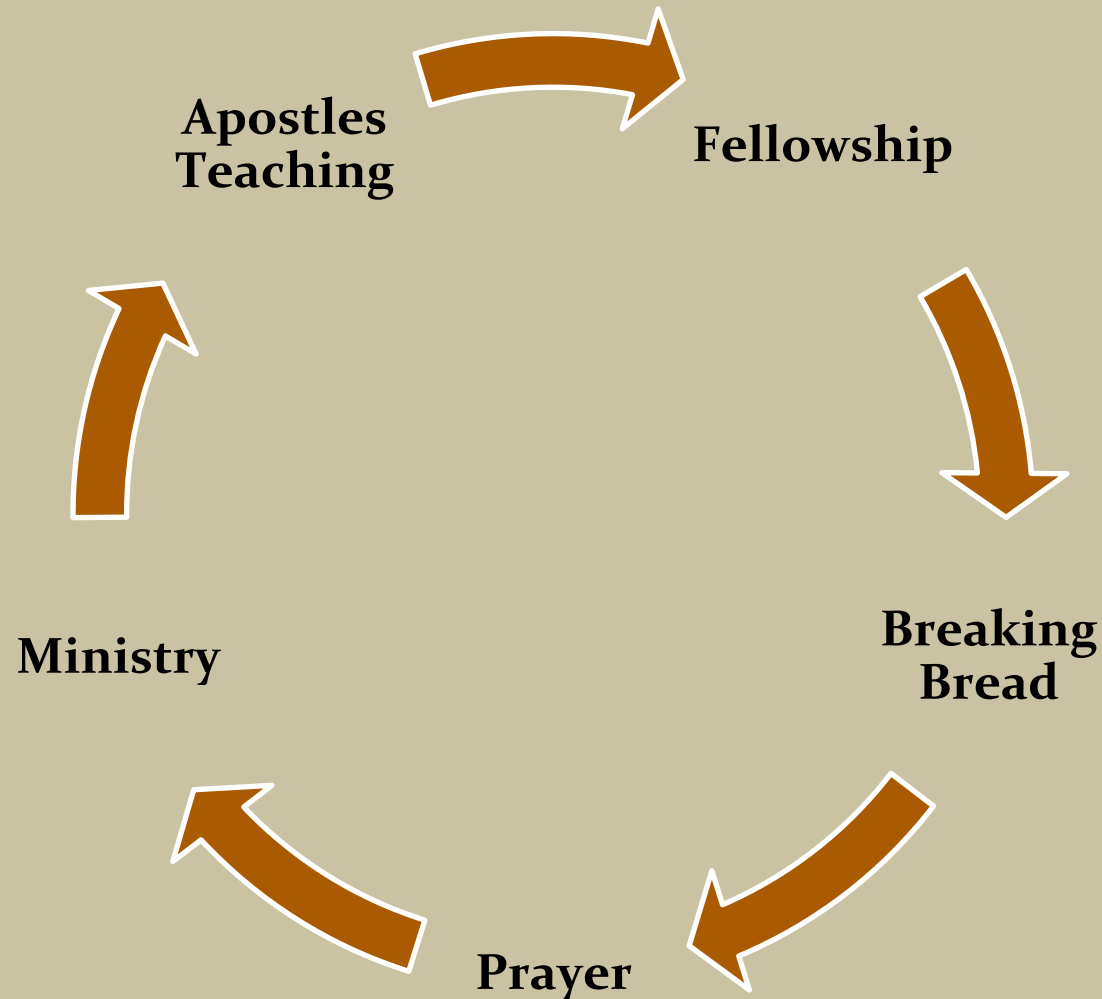
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5 things happened as God's people took form:

1. Apostle's Teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking Bread
4. Prayer
5. Ministry



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