Refreshed **The Essentials**
September 22, 2019 **Acts 2:42-42**

Refreshed Everyone knows what it feels like to be tired, exhausted, and maybe even burnt out. So what's the answer? Another vacation? A better vacation? A change of circumstances? The bible tells us that the only way to find real refreshment is in God. That's what we all desperately need and that's what we're going to ask him for over the next 6 weeks. Come and be refreshed in the LORD.

1. What is the context of Acts 2?

2. Now with that in mind, read Acts 2:42-47. What are the 4 essentials to which they devoted themselves? What were the results of being devoted to these things?

3. How devoted are you to these 4 essentials? How devoted are you to the Word of God? How devoted are you to fellowship? How devoted are you to the Gospel (i.e. the breaking of bread)? How devoted are you to prayer? How devoted is our church to these things?

4. If our church closed its doors today would the surrounding community care? Is the impact of our church so refreshing to the outside world, that they would be lost without us? Or are we so isolated that they don't even know we exist?

5. If you know Jesus Christ by faith, as a member of this body are you living in unity with everyone in our church, or are you participating in divisive behavior that you need to confess? If you need to confess something, what does Matthew 5:23-24 say about this?

6. If the Holy Spirit left our church today, would anything change? In other words, are we "doing church" in our own power and strength or in the power and refreshment that comes from the Holy Spirit? What about your own life, are you living in your own strength, or by faith in Jesus Christ and the power of his Spirit? What, if anything, needs to change to live dependent upon the power and refreshment of the Spirit?