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Topic: Members of the Local Church  
Text: Acts 2:41-47

1. Some people falsely say that church membership is man-made and that church constitutions are not necessary. But the Bible speaks sufficiently about the church. There is the universal church made up of all the true believers. There are also local churches all over the world made up of mixed multitudes. Acts 2 is the record of the first local church in Jerusalem.
2. God's Word commands true believers to be baptised with water. Those in the first local church obeyed and received the Word of God joyfully. They were not shy to declare their faith together as the body of believer to shine as lights in this world of darkness. Therefore, it is unbiblical to hop from church to church without any intention to commit.
3. All members of the local church must be involved in God's work. They must hold on to the same doctrine of the church, know it well and practice it in their lives. This will lead to fellowship in terms of partaking the Lord's supper, corporate prayer and helping one another. They were sincere and devoted to do God's work with the right heart. God blessed their faith and gave them an increase in numbers.

*Am I fulfilling my duty as a church member with singleness of heart?*