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## **Devoted**

(Acts 2:42)  
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### *Sermon Notes*

#### **THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF CHURCH**

Cyprian: “He can no longer have God for his Father who has not the C\_\_\_\_\_ for his mother.”

“Church” in the New Testament usually refers to a l\_\_\_\_\_ congregation (Rom 16:16; 2 Thess 1:4; James 5:14; 3 Jn 1:9; Rev 1-3)

#### **CHURCH IN A CONSUMER CULTURE**

The consumer model of church means having as much spiritual connection to this body of believers as you do to the people who happen to sit next to you at the M\_\_\_\_\_. (Francis Chan)

#### **DEVOTED TO A PERSON: GOD**

“Church exists primarily not to provide entertainment or to encourage vulnerability or to build self-esteem or to facilitate friendships but to W\_\_\_\_\_ God; if it fails in that, it fails.” (Philip Yancey)

#### **DEVOTED TO A PEOPLE**

Christians in a local community are called to be devoted to one another in L\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 12:10; 1 Cor 16:15)

#### **DEVOTED TO A PLACE**

In a world that is hypermobile, let us learn to value S\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **DEVOTED TO A PURPOSE**

True devotee’s act in such a way as to I\_\_\_\_\_ others.

*Answers: Church; local; movies; worship; love; stability; inspire*