

**Title:** This is our Church

**Read:** Acts 2:46-47

Question: How has our LWC values influenced your life?

Question: What vision do you carry in your heart for LWC?

Question: How do you define goodwill?

### **Part A: God's Will**

#1. God's Sovereign will:

Question: How has God exercised His Sovereign will?

#2. God's Revealed will:

Read: Deut. 11:26

Question: Do you agree that the choices we make either fulfill his commands, instructions, and invitations, or they don't. Our choices position us for God's blessing or human burden.

Question: What are the wages and burdens of sin that people carry?

Read Romans 3:23

### **Part B: Human Will**

Human will could be best thought of as a gift entrusted to us to be used for God's glory.

And is the ability to choose, think, and act voluntarily.

Read: John 7:17 and Joshua 24:15

In ACTS 2 and ever since we see God's (good will) to love, bless people like you and I, and to and numerically enlarge the church. And we see examples of Human (good will) to love and obey God and make room for others. In Acts 2 we find a community of Christ followers enjoying the benefit of spiritual alignment and God's blessing. It would seem they chose -a path that held in highest priority the choice of spiritual formation and generosity: most specifically it says: this was called - good-will.

Question: Do you agree?

Spiritual formation: God will never override your will to choose to live a life that promotes spiritual formation. By every choice we make and in every action we take, we are either formed to be more like God's Son, Jesus, or we are being deformed to something less.

Question; Do you agree?

Generosity: God will never override your will to choose to live a life that promotes generosity. By every choice you and I make and in every actions we take with the money we have, we are either gathering for ourselves like a storehouse or we are giving out as a distribution centre.

Question: What does good-will have to do with spiritual formation and generosity?

**Big Idea:** It is never the size of the room we are in that matters, it is always the size of our hearts in the room that matters.

Question: In what way is the early church, described in Acts 2, good role models for Living Waters Church?

Notice: Their commitment to spiritual formation and generosity resulted in:

a. The Sharing of great joy (gladness of heart) : The Goodwill of the people resulted in joy and gladness of heart? The literal meaning of the word sharing is: "singleness,".

Question: Have you noticed that Christianity provides joy?

b. Numerical Growth

The Goodwill of God added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Question: In what ways have you seen God grow LWC over the years?