

I. I want to describe a vision for a culture I see – I See a Church!

- A. Have you ever had someone step in for you just in the nick of time? Divine moment
- B. Have you ever been in a place of desperation then suddenly your need got met by unexpectedly?
- C. Ever been broken and lonely then suddenly your answer emerges a result of people praying for you?

Transition: These are divine moments from within a living organism –

This is the image I see when I consider the Lords Church that is experiencing a LifeHouse Church. In Acts Chapter 2, we see this type of activity -this formation of a new culture, this development, this living organism spring to life that is called the Church.

We grow in both process and event! (we are in preparation or activation)

II. 3 Principles - The LifeHouse Church – (a place of security, Identity, unity)

Read Acts 2:37-47

- A. -This ACTS LifeHouse was built on a relationship with a living God... whom many had seen since he was crucified (40 days Acts 1:1-3)). Jesus wanted them to know without any doubt that He was alive...
- B. Let's take a look at what actually was happening in these verses?

(Awakening, response, pursuit – consider this an operating principle of this ACTS LifeHouse- grow in our discipleship)

- a) **There was a spiritual awakening –realization of a significant spiritual need,**

We need a teacher -

Vs. 37 "... brethren what shall we do" (Acts 8:30- "How can I know unless someone teach me")

How do we become awakened to a new reality? Word of God, HS, a person, circumstances, adversity -

1. *A revelation* – an aha moment – that only comes by the Spirit, was not man made
2. These people experienced a significant supernatural event – Church was birthed!
3. Peter discerned what it was and then proceeded to speak by the Spirit, ("marked by a moment)

In LifeHouse Church - we experience the Holy Spirits "awakening" unless clear explanation and discipleship follows - we won't ever arrive at the intended vision/mission that God has for us. - (We become aware of a greater need for Jesus)

- b) **There was an immediate and appropriate response**

Vs. 41" So then those that had received His word were baptized; and that day there were added about 3,000 souls.

1. Learning to engage in the moment! (response time action)
2. Becoming a people of the Spirit – discerning what the Lord is doing in the moment

For you and I how should we respond To guests, to worship? To ministry?

- c) **There was a purposeful pursuit -**

Vs. "They were continually devoting themselves"

1. There was such an apprehending a spiritual “magnetic “attraction
2. The Holy Spirit was depositing this reality encounter with all these people and it created a culture of hunger and thirst – “A LifeHouse Church for sure

III. Consider these 3 things -Awakening, appropriate response, a purposeful pursuit

A. How should we respond to this LifeHouse principle?

- a) We need an “awakening” to our need for His presence
- b) Learn to respond to the Spirits offer in the moment.
- c) Learn to engage the Holy Spirit
- d) Become an inviter into His ministry and community