

# Acts.



The Revolution Continues...

#2 “The Gospel Multiplies - The Church is Born ”

“What Is It About The Message Of The Gospel That Has Caused It To Multiply?”

#1 God *MEETS* Us Exactly Where We Are

“But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:....

Acts 2:14-16

Where Were You When Jesus Found You?

#2 God Tells Us The *TRUTH* About Ourselves.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him, as you yourselves know— Acts 2:22

”Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Acts 2:36

### **Three Root Sins That Affect Us All:**

- We Have All Chosen *CREATION* Over The Creator.
- We Have All Chosen To Believe A *LIE* Over The Truth Of God.
- We Have All Failed To *ACKNOWLEDGE* God As God

(See Romans 1:21-23)

#3 In Christ God Offers Us An *ALTERNATIVE* Truth That Demands A Response.

“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’” Acts 2:37

### **The Alternative Truth**

- Jesus’ *VICTORY* Becomes Our Victory

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. Romans 3:23-25

“Propitiation Is Pacifying Wrath By Taking Care Of The Penalty  
For The Offense That Caused The Wrath.”

~Matt Chandler~

- Jesus’ Perfect *OBEDIENCE* Becomes Our Perfect Obedience.

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21.

#4 God Invites Us Into A New *COMMUNITY* Of Faith

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles  
Acts 2:42-44

### **Three Marks Of This New Community**

They Were A *DEVOTED* Community

They Were A *GENEROUS* Community

They Were A *JOYFUL* Community

### **Life Group Discussion Guide**

(READ Acts 3-4:37 S.A.O.P. Reading Plan)

1. What, if anything impacted you most from this weekend message?
2. Read Acts 14-41 What stood out to you most about the Sermon Peter preached that day on Pentecost?
3. Pastor Shaun pointed out four different things from this text that cause the Gospel to multiply?
4. "God meets us exactly where we are physically & spiritually" – Share with your group where you were when Jesus found you.
5. "God tells us the truth about ourselves" – Why do you think this so offensive to some? Why do you think this so freeing for others?
6. "In Christ God offer us an alternative truth, that demands a response." Discuss with your group truth offered to us in Romans 3: 23-25 & 2 Corinthians 5:21.
7. Read Acts 2:37-39. Discuss the response of those early believers. Share with your group how you have responded to God's offer in Christ.
8. "God invites us into a new community , marked by devotion, generosity and joy." Has this been your experience of the church? Share your past/present experience with Christian community with the group. When done well why do you think this can be so attractive to the world?
9. Peter's sermon clearly declares the gospel message – this week take some to re-write his sermon in your own word so that you might be able to share the message with someone God presents to you.
10. With your group pray for people (by name) whom God has placed in your life, with whom you can share the message. Pray that the Holy Spirit would come upon you to give you the boldness to be a witness to all that Jesus has done.

### **Sources:**

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