

This Changes Everything: Part 1

History Transformed: Acts 2

Big Idea: The Church is not a building, it is the most powerful institution that the world has ever known. The Church is God's plan to bring His kingdom to earth. The Truth that we need to leverage: **Christians don't _____ to church, Christians _____ the church.**

Key Verse: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Act 1:8)

Peter's bottom line: The time has come when God's spirit will empower God's people for God's mission.

There are 2 foundational reasons to believe that this time has come:

1. Jesus is _____! (Psalm 16)
2. Jesus is in _____! (Psalm 110)

In other words:

Jesus is risen and in control of the entire universe, and this is going to change everything through the _____ and _____ of God's spirit.

Application:

If you struggle with:

1. God's will > Our purpose is God's _____
2. Superiority > Our passion is _____
3. Confidence > Our power is God's _____

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Commit to reading through the Book of Acts over the next month. This week read Acts 1- 5. What are some of the things you learned by reading this section? Make some notes of questions, observations and key themes!

Life Group Discussion Questions:

In this week's sermon, Dave said: "Christians don't go to Church, Christians are the Church." What do you think is the difference between the two? What are some examples of how each way of thinking looks in our lives?

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells his disciples that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit. What does the power of the Holy Spirit look like? What does it empower them to do?

Read Acts 2:1-13. Describe what happened. What do you think it would have been like to be there on that day? Read Genesis 11:1-9. Contrast the two passages. What does the comparison tell you is happening?

What are the results of the presence of the Holy Spirit and the message being preached (Acts 2:41-47)? Do you think that these verses contain any principles for us today when it comes to what our Christian community should look like? What are they? How could you and your Life Group seek to implement or grow in one or more of these areas?

What is one thing that you've learned from this study that you can apply to your life (either as an individual or as a group) this week?