

Post Sermon Guide 2/8/26

Sermon Info

Sermon Scriptures: Acts 4:23-31; Matthew 5:13; Luke 6:22;

Additional Scriptures: Psalm 2; Daniel 3:8-30; 1Samuel 24:1-22; Acts 8-10

Sermon: Birth of the Church

Series: Acts of the Spirit

Main Idea: The Spirit moves boldly through Peter and John as they are conduits for a healing, preaching, and defiant testimony in front of the religious leaders. The church knew the confrontation was inevitable and prayed for boldness to stay faithful.

Reflection

- What was the most important idea or thought you remember from the lesson?
- How does this connect to something already known or experienced?
- What part of the lesson was most challenging, and why?

Digging Deeper

1. Pray over your time with the Lord. Invite Him into your time.
2. Revisit the Scriptures discussed. Note anything new.
3. Sit with any additional texts given. How do they apply and inform your understanding?
4. Explore any passages that come to your mind.

Taking it with you

- How can you apply this lesson to your life?
- What are some ways that you can live out this lesson before others?

Notes & Ideas

(Use this space to jot down thoughts, connections, or creative ideas sparked by the lesson.)

Weekly Reading Plan

Readings: Acts 8-10

Acts 8

Summary:

Main Idea: After persecution breaks out in Jerusalem, believers scatter throughout Judea and Samaria, spreading the gospel wherever they go. Philip preaches in Samaria, performing miracles, and many believe—including Simon the sorcerer, who later shows a misunderstanding of God's power. The chapter ends with Philip explaining the Scriptures to an Ethiopian official, baptizing him, and being miraculously transported away by the Spirit.

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3. Is there a sin to avoid?
4. Is there a promise to claim?
5. Is there an example to follow?
6. Is there a command to obey?

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Acts 9

Summary:

Main Idea: Saul, a fierce persecutor of Christians, encounters the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus and is blinded. After Ananias obeys God's command to visit Saul, his sight is restored and he begins preaching that Jesus is the Son of God, astonishing everyone. Meanwhile, Peter heals Aeneas in Lydda and raises Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead in Joppa, leading many to believe in the Lord.

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Acts 10

Summary:

Main Idea: Cornelius, a Roman centurion and God-fearing man, receives a vision instructing him to send for Peter. Meanwhile, Peter has a vision of a sheet filled with unclean animals, symbolizing that God shows no favoritism and that the gospel is for all people. When Peter visits Cornelius, he preaches the message of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit falls on the Gentiles, marking their inclusion into God's family.

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