



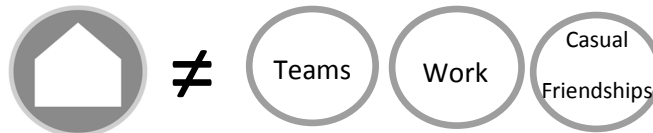
Week | September 30 Sermon

Community:

We believe that there is a significant and intentional connection between each individual's story and the bigger story, HIStory. Your story is important and God will use you and the story that He is writing with you to make great things happen. In the weeks to come, as your GROUP grows in trust and vulnerability, you will set aside some time to share your stories with each other.

You may be eager to let others know who you are through the sharing of your story...or the thought may fill you with anxiety.

As members of a small group, you have chosen to be in community—a kind of community that's different.



We all long for a community that spurs us into growth and a meaningful relationship with God and others. *Leaders, challenge yourself to be open and transparent. Lead the charge and let these people know who you really are. Start preparing now to share your story when the time comes.*

Sermon Title: Over 130 Converts a Day Shake a City | Text: Acts 3:1-4:4

Auditorium Discussion Questions::

Have you ever been the recipient of or been a witness to a divine miracle? Describe (big or small – makes no difference)

When you read about the beggar in Acts 3:1-3, in what ways does his condition describe the state of today's culture?

Talk about the "moment" described in 3:4-7. In what ways do we often sidestep divine moments?

How can we gain the courage to engage our culture rather than cursing it?

Describe Peter before Pentecost - - and after. Would you be willing to ask Father for a personal Pentecost?

Sanctuary Discussion Questions::

Please read Acts 3:1-4:4

What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read/listen to this passage of Scripture?

What is the boldest thing you have ever done to bear witness to Jesus? What was the result? Would you ever do something like that again?

Peter “heard and obeyed” a prompt from the Holy Spirit to “do and to teach” (cf. 1:1; 3:1-26). Have you ever had this experience? If so, when and where?

Please respond to this statement from Kevin:

Question: What does Dr. Luke’s repeated phrase, “being filled with the Holy Spirit” reveal?

Answer: On every occasion, being filled with the Spirit is followed by a strong verbal “witnessing” about Jesus Christ.

Do you agree or disagree? Are there biblical reasons for your answer?

Kevin suggested several key phrases have merged so far in our study and application of Acts. They are:

“to do and to teach”

“power and authority”

“in the name of Jesus”

What is your understanding of these phrases?

Will you consider praying for another Holy Spirit infilling for the express purpose of bearing witness to Jesus?

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

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