

**MONDAY 3.14.22 – MATTHEW 22:41-45**

Do you know who Jesus is? I mean really know? Jesus loved to ask people about His identity just as He does here in Matthew 22. Peter’s sermon in Acts 2 seeks to bring clarity once and for all. To all who hear, Peter tells them exactly who Jesus is... He is “both Lord and Messiah” (v.36).

Many of us (probably most of us and hopefully all of us) have put our trust in Jesus as Savior. But have we allowed Him, invited Him to become Lord of our lives.

It is trusting in Jesus as Savior, receiving His free gift of grace by faith that saves–this is called justification (forgiveness of sin and a right relationship with God) [see Ephesians 2:4-9]. But when we Jesus to be Lord of our lives, when we invite Him to have the first and final word, when we are completely surrendered to His will (in everything)–that’s when something else can start to happen. We call that sanctification, being conformed more and more into the image/likeness of Christ, being set apart for His purposes and His glory.

How about you? Will you let Jesus be both Lord and Messiah, both Savior and King? Will you go all in and let Jesus have His way in everything you do, everything you say, everything you think, and everything you are?

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**TUESDAY 3.15.22 – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19**

Have you ever thought about the Bible being the Word of God? We often say, “the Word of God” in an almost flippant manner, but what are we saying when we say, “the Word of God”? We are talking about words of the one who: out of nothing, spoke the universe into existence, whose wisdom is so great it cannot be measured, whose knowledge of you and what you need is beyond comprehension, the one who is perfect in every way. The Bible is God’s very words to us. Man may attack it, dispute it, hate it, or dismiss it, but that does not change it. It is irrefutable, completely trustworthy, powerful,

life changing, and the final authority in all matters. It is the rule book for life.

As we consider these truths, we need to consider this question. By whose rules are you playing?

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**WEDNESDAY 3.16.22 – ACTS 2:42-47**

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42).*

A car traveling on Interstate 80 needs to have proper and balanced inflation in all four tires to travel safely. No one would venture to drive any distance with the left front tire inflated at 32 psi, the right front at 28 psi, the left rear at 36 psi, and the right rear at 10 psi. That would be dangerous and unthinkable.

Christians traveling down life’s road need to be involved in four activities to experience spiritual safety–the Word of God, Fellowship of Believers, Lord’s Table, and Prayer. If you deflate any of these experiences, you are in danger of crashing spiritually. Join us on Sunday to make sure your spiritual tires are properly inflated!

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**THURSDAY 3.17.22 – DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9**

Love. Seems easy enough, right? We are asked to love God and love one another. If we were to follow this one rule, the Ten Commandments and the rest of the rules we are to live by would become quite easy to follow. If we truly love all those around us, we will not lie, cheat, steal, murder, etc. Yet, we still struggle in our daily lives with this very simple concept. What

if we were to approach every conversation with love in our voice... every misunderstanding with love in our heart... every situation with love at the forefront of our mind? What if true devotion to God’s limitless love were the first thing we prayed about each day? What if this same love lulled us to sleep at night? How would the events of our days be affected? Let’s try it! Go now... love God... love others. LOVE!!!

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**FRIDAY 3.18.22 – PSALM 133**

It is good and right to have clear priorities, to live life with firm commitments to the things that really matter most. And throughout Scripture, God reminds us that the unity of His people is essential. It is essential and needs to be among our highest priorities!

In the book of Ephesians, Paul lays out a beautiful (and poetic) framework for the church. In the fourth chapter (v.1-6) we find that the foundation for that framework is unity. And friends... we know that without a solid foundation, no house can stand. Seven times in this foundation framework, Paul uses the word “one” – SEVEN! Perhaps a poetic way to illustrate the complete unity that is needed for the foundation of Christ’s church.

A couple of weeks ago, we talked about the seasons when we are called to wait. Don’t miss the significance that while they waited in Acts 1, they waited together! Church, we NEED each other. If we’re going to live into our God-given purpose as a church, we need to do it together. Truly, *“How good... it is when God’s people live together in unity”* (Psalm 133:1).

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## GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:40AM\*

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level  
*\*available during 9:40 **AND** 11:00 services*
- NURSERY (through Age 3)  
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level  
*available during the 9:40 service*
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** EXPLORE THE BIBLE – Room B8-10 (Lower Level)  
*1 and 2 Thessalonians with Jim Kline*
- MASTERWORK – Room B11 (Lower Level)  
*"All Of Grace" with Lane Kemler (3.6–4.10)*  
*"Absolute Surrender" with Jack Devlin (4.17–5.29)*
- PERSON OF INTEREST – Room B1-2 (Lower Level)  
*with Steven Miller*
- \*MEMBERSHIP CLASS – Room B11 (Lower Level)  
*with Executive Pastor - Bob Lehman (11:00am)*
- SEE INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION–

### SUNDAY EVENINGS – 6:00PM

- Kids** KID'S CLUB (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level  
CURRENT SERIES: The Beatitudes
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)  
*5th–8th Grade meet downstairs*  
*9th–12th Grade meet upstairs*
- Adults** DIVE DEEP WITH DOUG  
LOCATION: Worship Center  
CURRENT SERIES: Israel Tour
- BIG IDEA – SMALL GROUP(S)  
LOCATION: Room B8-10 (Lower Level)  
*Group discussion following the scriptures and themes of Sunday morning's message. Jump in any time as we go through the Book of ACTS together.*

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES,  
PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

## SERMON NOTES

### Acts 2:14-41 *The First Sermon*

*"On the day the Church of Jesus Christ was birthed in Jerusalem, the apostle Peter established a priority: the preaching of the Word of God. The church didn't hold a seminar on finances, marriage, vocational guidance, youth ministry training, or raising children. As worthy as all those subjects are, they're not the most important priority in the church. For without the faithful preaching of the Word, you soon will have nothing biblical to say about all the other subjects the church needs to address."*

~ David Jeremiah

Acts 2:41 states: *"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."*

#### How did this happen?

1. Filling of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - o vv 14-16
2. Sharing of \_\_\_\_\_
  - o vv 17-21 cf. Joel 2:28-31; vv 25-28 cf. Psalms 16:8-10; vv 34-34 cf. Psalm 110:1
3. Focusing on \_\_\_\_\_
  - o His ministry (v 22), death (v 23), resurrection (v 24), and ascension (v 33)

#### In order to be forgiven of your sins, you need to ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ (v 38a)

It is a change of mind. Stop trusting in anything good you're doing to merit God's favor and to earn eternal life. Instead, place your trust alone in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of your sins.

#### Once you have your sins forgiven, you need to ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ (v 38b)

It is an outward demonstration to others that your sins are forgiven and that you're a follower of Christ.

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day  
TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



## March 13 – March 18

INTRODUCTION: Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and groups. This guide is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion in the Word.

OVERVIEW: This week's daily readings and reflections will help us take our next step in our teaching series on the book of Acts. Monday's and Tuesday's readings will build on today's message on Peter's sermon in Acts 2. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for next Sunday's message on Acts 2:42-47 and what the earliest days of the church looked like.

KEY VERSE: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

–ACTS 1:8