

2 The Story of the Gospel is Heard Through...

- The PROPHETS & the APOSTLES

3 The Story of the Gospel Promises...

- FORGIVENESS & the SPIRIT

4 The Story of the Gospel Requires...

- REPENTANCE & FAITH



The New Testament Church Is Born!

Acts 2:22-41
Sunday, October 23, 2016

The explanation of Pentecost is truly about the Person of Jesus Christ. Peter makes this very clear in his first New Covenant sermon tying the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to the sovereign hand of God the Father and by pointing to the universal need for repentance and faith brought about on that day by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 The Story of the Gospel is Found in...

- Jesus' MIRACLES

- Jesus' DEATH

- Jesus' RESURRECTION

- Jesus' EXHALTATION



NEXT WEEK
The Healing of the Lame Beggar
Acts 3



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Connecting Together

In this week #4 of Growth Groups share about a time in your life when the care and concern of someone towards you was used by God to transform your life.

Studying God's Word Together

1. How did you come under God's Word this week? What part the Gospel Story did you see with fresh eyes this week? What part of the Gospel Story gives you confidence?
2. Read Acts 2:22-41 together as a group. This is Peter's explanation of Pentecost. After reading, retell the Gospel Story in your own words. Where do the four pieces of the Gospel Story show up in the text and how is each piece an integral part?
3. Read Acts 2:23 together as a group. This verse lays out the doctrine called "concurrency" - God's sovereign ordaining of the crucifixion, yet man's responsibility for bringing it about. For what benefit is Peter relaying this information? How does knowing this is how God works in the world impact your life? (See Genesis 50:19-21 for another example).

4. Peter is preaching the first evangelistic sermon of the New Testament using the voices of the PROPHETS and APOSTLES to accredit the message. What voices did God use in your life to bring about a certainty that, "God has made him both Lord and Christ" (vs. 36)? If not, what voices are standing in your way?
5. Read Acts 2:38,39 together. What are the two Gospel promises and how do they together constitute FREEDOM? Who are these promises for and how does that relate to our MULTIPLY Mission?
6. Read Acts 2:36-38. How are REPENTANCE & FAITH really two sides of the same coin? How are they related to Jesus' titles of Lord & Christ (vs. 36)? What is their continuing role in the life of a disciple of Jesus?
7. Christ's death was not a weak defeat but a strong victory that has culminated in his ruling and reigning now (Acts 2:34,35; See also Acts 4:23-29; Luke 12:4-7). How is the sovereign reign of Christ both a comfort to the believer now and a conviction to godly fear for everyone?

Praying Together

As you share requests and pray for one another, pray also that the GOSPEL STORY would remain fresh, the Spirit would continue to transform us through repentance and faith, and that we would be voices for Christ.