

MY NOTES

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016).

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot, we may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these “challenges” are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate, you can visit: www.elementroots.org.

- The Element Team

Week 6

ACTS

Preaching That Changes Us

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 2:14-41

Acts 2:41

Acts 2:5-13

Matthew 16:16, 18

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Ephesians 4:17-25

Luke 17:3

Proverbs 27:5

Proverbs 17:10

Hebrews 9:22

Romans 3:23-25

1 John 2:1-2

1 John 4:10

UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

Kenya Missions Trip BBQ/Parking Lot Sale Fundraiser:

Sale from 8-2pm and
BBQ from 11-2pm.

See Welcome Center
to donate items or to
buy tickets.

Baptism Information

Meeting: Sign up at
Welcome Center and join
us March 6th following
2nd & 3rd services. See
the Welcome Center
for directions. Baptisms
will be in April.
connect@ourelement.org





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 Acts 2:14-41

Element is going through the first half of the book of Acts over the course of the first nine months of 2016. Part of the reason why we do this is that we want to be a “better” church, a body of believers focused on Jesus and what He is doing in the world through us. Today, most people’s criteria for finding a church is, “I don’t want it to be boring,” but that is a horrible way to find a church. We want to see what the bible says about the church so we know what we are supposed to be about. By the end of this series, we will hopefully see a little over 30 characteristics of what the church is called to be.

When you hear the word “church” what do you think of?

What is your best and worst experience with “church?”

Peter, at the end of Acts 2, preaches the first recorded sermon in the Christian church. He gives the history of God’s redemptive story and connects it to the people gathered around by reminding them who Jesus is.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2

What makes a good sermon, in your opinion?

Is “preaching” only a sermon?

Based on your life, what are you preaching?

PAUL TELLS TIMOTHY WHEN PREACHING TO DO THREE THINGS:

1) Reprove – Reprove means “to correct,” in many cases this would be by pointing out sin.

The overall sense from the scriptures is that God is concerned both about our willful, blatant sins and the unintentional breaking of God’s will.

- Sin is the disruption of God’s peace.
- Sin is rebellion against God.
- Sin is participation in the way of death.
- Sin is missing the mark.

In Ephesians, Paul tells us that sin is what separates us from God and each other; that Jesus has come to die for our sin, and rise in victory over sin and death to take away our sin.

Define the word “sin.”

Is it easier to see sins in others or yourself? Why?

2) Rebuke – Rebuke has the nuance that pointing out error in others is a way to honor them.

It is honoring others to tell them the truth. We are a people who are steeped in sin, our sin has cut us off from God, and it is no one’s fault but our own. Jesus had to die a brutal, bloody death to pay for the grievous sin that separated us from relationship with the Father.

How are you at being honest with others?

What is the hardest part of being truly honest with someone else?

3) Encourage – We encourage each other with the truth found in the scriptures.

Peter doesn’t leave his hearers in a broken state, he speaks of the hope and the grace that God wants them to live in. Peter holds a mirror up to who they are, but also who Jesus is as well, our Savior and Redeemer.

Read 1 John 2:1-2

How does Jesus advocate for us?

How can we advocate for one another?

Nothing is more important – or encouraging – than the death, life, and resurrection of Jesus. *Without Jesus there is no eternal life, no forgiveness of sin, or relationship with good and holy God.*

Read Acts 2:38-39

How do we speak the whole Gospel into each other’s lives? (Try it now).

Peter preaches the whole Gospel, not bits and pieces. God is HOLY and RIGHTEOUS and JUST, but God is also full of GRACE and MERCY and PATIENCE; unless we understand both of these things, we will never understand what it means to walk in the redemptive-ness of the Gospel in our lives.