

# 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](http://www.elementroots.org).

- The Element Team

Week 9

# ACTS

Truth That  
Challenges Us

## TODAY'S VERSES:

### Acts 3:11-26

John 14:6

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Acts 1:16

2 Peter 1:21

2 Timothy 3:16

Jeremiah 26:2

Mark 12:24

Matthew 26:53-54

Matthew 27:45

Mathew 27:46

Psalms 22

Hebrews 12:5

1 John 3:19-20

## UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

**eKids! Drive-In Movie  
Night** This Friday Night.

**Public Hearing** Please pray for Wednesday Night's Public hearing for our Planned Development Permit!

**Good Friday Service**  
March 25th from 5:30-9:30pm. "Open House" Come and spend as much time as you'd like.

**Easter Services**  
Saturday, March 26th, 6pm and Sunday, March 27th at 8:15, 9:30 & 11am.





# THE CHURCH IS SENT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE MISSION- ARIES

*We are taking three weeks to look at the identities that we receive from God, and how that affects true Gospel Community.*

**Who is the Spirit sending you and your community to be a witness to?**

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***We are sent by the Spirit to restore all things to God through Jesus Christ.***

God sent Jesus to Earth to take on human form and live within the culture. He worked, ate and interacted among the people; living in such a way that those around Him could see and experience what God was truly like. Jesus came so that all people, places, and things could be restored to a right relationship with God. In the same way, we believe we are missionaries sent by God's Spirit into our culture to restore all things to God through Jesus. We live this out through community. (John 1:14; 20:21; Colossians 1:19)

***We submit to the sending and leading of the Spirit.*** After Jesus said to His disciples, "As the Father sent me I am sending you", He breathed on them the Holy Spirit. Then, when He commissioned His disciples to be His witnesses, He told them to wait for power from on high (Acts 1:8). He was referring to the Holy Spirit that the Father and Son would send (John 14:16; 16:7). Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, empowered and led by the Spirit, now we are sent as His missionaries by the same power and leading of the Spirit (Matt. 3:16-4:1).

***We are sent and empowered by the Spirit to share and show Jesus to others.***

As missionaries we are sent to share the truth about God's love for the world through the sending of His Son. The Spirit has been given to us so that we can know what is true of Jesus (Jn. 14:26; 16:12-15), live fruitful lives as evidence of the gospel's power to change (Gal. 5:16-24), be empowered to share it boldly (Acts 4:23-31), and trust that He is the one who convicts the heart and gives new life (Jn. 3:4-8). All fruitful missionary work is a result of being people who are born of, filled with, and led by the Spirit.

***We submit to the Spirit as our Sender and Leader and are empowered to show and share Jesus to others.***

## **Week 9 – ACTS 3:11-26: Truth That Challenges Us**

Element is taking the better part of 2016 to walk through the first 12 chapters of the book of Acts in order to focus us on what Jesus calls the church to be like in the world. In Acts 3:11-26, the Apostle Peter preaches the second sermon recorded in the early church...and he speaks primarily about God's revealed truth.

**What are some things that you hold as absolute truth?**

**What are some things that you think/hope are true, but if they turn out false it won't be a big deal?**

Peter shows us two things about truth.

- 1) There *is* such a thing as final truth and it is found in the Scriptures.
- 2) The Scriptures are not simply a book, they are all about a person, Jesus.

**Read Acts 3:22-26.**

**How high of an authority do you hold scripture in your life?**

**What are some examples of how that is actually born out in how you live?**

What is so amazing about Jesus is that He lived a perfect and righteous life in the face of opposition, persecution, and misunderstanding. When Jesus needed to stay true He quoted the scriptures. Tim Keller writes, "*When you're in absolute agony and you can't think, what comes out of your mouth is primal; it's the essence of who you are. It's at your heart.*" We see that what came out of Jesus at the moment of His greatest agony was Scripture.

**What comes out of you when you are in your darkest place?**

The Bible is not about Abraham, the Law, sacrifices, or eating kosher; it's about Jesus. Peter essentially says, "until you see that, you will never understand the Bible." If you read the Bible without reading it through Jesus, you will never truly understand the Bible or the glory behind it.

**How do you allow the truth of the Bible to search you?**

**Have you ever felt Jesus dealing with you?**

**How do you use the truth and grace of the Scriptures to affect how you interact with others?**