

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 14

ACTS

A Hope
That Heals Us

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 5:12-16

Acts 5:13

Acts 5:11

Acts 4:37

Acts 5:5, 8

Acts 19:11-12

Galatians 3:28

John 13:35

Romans 5:8

UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

Connect Party

May 13th at 7pm. Join us for dessert and hang out and connect with others and the leadership of Element! Email connect@ourelement.org or RSVP.

eKids! Muffins with Mom

Moms and Kids welcome to join us on May 1st after the 11am Service.





So far in Acts:

A Story That
Enlightens Us

A Resurrection And
Ascension That Is
Promised To US

Guidance That
Leads Us

A Heritage That
Informs Us

Worship That
Reminds Us

Preaching That
Changes Us

Generosity That
Defines Us

Compassion That Is
Bigger Than Us

Truth That
Challenges Us

A Name That
Confronts Us

Community That
Encourages Us

Membership That
Accounts For Us

Accountability That
Exposes Us

Week 14 – Acts 5:12-16 A Hope That Heals Us

Element is in our series that is going verse by verse through the first half of the book of Acts. Today is week 14 of our 37 week journey. This week we look at the encouragement and hope of Christ that leads to our healing in multiple ways. The book of Acts is about what God is doing in His church, when we understand what God not only has done but is doing, we are better able to understand His hope that heals us.

**What do you think of when you think of healing?
If you had one thing in your life that could be healed, what is it?**

Read Acts 5:12-16

What do you think the purpose of healing is?

The purpose of all healings: physical, emotional, and spiritual is to bring Glory to God and re-center us on His goodness so we are better able to live out that goodness in others' lives.

What the Apostles are doing in Acts 5 is bringing HOPE and HEALING to both physically, emotionally, and spiritually broken people. The sick, the oppressed, the possessed, the hurting, the helpless, those who find themselves alone, and those who are afraid all receive healing from Jesus. The Apostles are preaching the Gospel and God is confirming those words to a culture who desperately needs it. The church is becoming the new temple; they are replacing the hope of a PLACE with the HOPE of a person: Jesus.

Do you have a relationship in your life that appears hopeless?

What does love look like to you?

Where have you seen God's love?

We are called to love one another, deeply and passionately. *John 13:35* *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* Love, to quote the band Boston for all you classic rock lovers, is "more than a feeling." There is an element of love that has an action component to it. Kierkegaard says, "Love is, works of love."

Where in your life do you feel the results of the lack of love?

Where do you see the fruit of love?

The reason there is hurt and lack of love in our lives is the result of sin in the world. In Genesis, God created man and woman for the purpose of oneness, they have friendship and intimacy with God and each other, when sin enters their lives they hide from each other and God. The moment sin enters the equation it isolates us from God and each other, sin kills life. God is a Triune God, He has relationship in Himself, because we are made in His image we are meant to have relationships. When we don't have relationships we are not living as He intended.

Where are you in unity with others?

Where are you in discord with others?

Hope, love, and unity is hard because true community is hard, but we must work for it because we were made for it. We are to love in such a way that as people come into contact with us they know we are children of God and THAT is a miracle of grace. *Romans 5:8* *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* God loves us by action.

Our sin has made us enemies of each other and God. All secular attempts at hope, unity, and love will fail because they cannot deal with the sin issue. Sin is the dividing point between us and each other and us and God, so Jesus comes while we were sinners and loves us by dying for us.

This is the message of the book of Acts...and all of the scriptures. The miracle of our healing is that our sin has been forgiven in Jesus and we now have a ministry of reconciliation.

Who do you need to begin the process of reconciliation with?