

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.

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 8:15 am 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 30

ACTS

A Salvation that is
Bigger Than Us



TODAY'S
VERSES:

Acts 10:44-48

Matthew 18:3

Acts 10:4

Acts 10:34-35

Acts 10:11-15

Acts 10:26

Acts 11:15

This Week: Week 2

Watch & Discuss Video 2.

Ground Breaking!

September 4th at 1p

Join us on our field with a lawn chair & shovel!

Financial Peace

University A 9 week class which covers budgeting, savings, paying off debt and more! Signup today!

So far in Acts:
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
Community That Encourages Us
Membership That Accounts For Us
Accountability That Exposes Us
A Hope That Heals Us
A Joy In Our Identity
A Lifestyle of Mission
Leadership That Grows Through Mistakes
A Peace That Speaks For Us
A Theology That Informs Us
A Calling That Kills Us
Words That Scatter Us
A Spirit That Humbles Us
A Baptism That Unifies Us
A Discipline That Restores Us
Passion That Speaks Through Us
Grace That Welcomes Us
A God That Goes Ahead of Us



Week 30 – ACTS 10:44-48

A Salvation that is Bigger Than Us

The early church father Augustine once said the real problem we have in our lives is not the rules we are breaking or not breaking, but “inordinate love,” meaning we love the wrong things...or even love the right things wrongly. As an example, you can love your nation (which can be a good thing), but if you love your nation more than anything in the world (including God), that can lead to racism and militarism. Augustine says there isn’t anything wrong with loving your nation; it’s when we love God less than anything else (children, job, spouse). He says the only way that we will ever be healed is if we love God more than anything (including ourselves).

In what ways have you loved yourself more than Jesus?

How have you trusted your own view of yourself (whether elevating yourself or demeaning yourself) over the truth of what God has said about you?

What is true about you in light of the Gospel?

Read Matthew 18:3.

What does childlike faith look like?

Why do you think it is important that Jesus reminds us to have childlike faith?

RE-MIX: WEEK TWO

INTRODUCTION – Please watch this week’s video at:

www.elementroots.org/remix/week2

There are two simple reasons God gives us money and things:

1. To enjoy them. It is not a sin to have fun with the money you have; as a matter of fact, the scriptures repeatedly tell us that our pleasure and joy come from the right hand of God. It’s fine to sleep in a nice bed, wear comfortable shoes, and eat nice meals with your family. The problem arises when we close our hands and make our pleasure all about us.
2. To be generous and share. Some of God’s blessings we enjoy, and some we put into others’ hands. We are to understand that we are not simply receivers, but also givers; God has entrusted His stuff to us so we could distribute and share it. God’s goodness is meant to flow through us to others.

DISCUSSION

Are you someone who mainly focuses on enjoying money or being generous with money?

How do you enjoy what God has given you?

EXPLANATION

How do you strike a balance between generosity and enjoyment of your money/stuff?

In what ways would you say money has its “hooks” in you?

APPLICATION – Read Matthew 6:19-21.

How has money become like a god in our culture?

In what ways do you currently serve that god?

MISSION

Where is your treasure currently stored?

How is God trustworthy with financial matters even in spite of our fears?

What would it look like for you to enjoy your money and be generous with it at the same time?

PRAYER FOR

Construction: Weather, materials, laborers, inspectors, permits, plans, etc..... Timely management of the project and successful on time completion.