

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 35

ACTS

A Message That
Outlives Us

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 12:20-25

Isaiah 40:7-8

John 5:44

Proverbs 16:18

Daniel 2:21, 4:30, 32

Romans 8:28

UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

Home Buying Seminar
Saturday, October 15th at
1pm at Element.

Baptisms! Join us
Sunday, October 16th,
1pm at 1371 Solomon
Road.

Super Snack Sunday!
Our eKids! cupboards
are running low and can
use your help restocking
them! List available at
Welcome Center.

Pumpkin Killing! Sunday,
October 30th at 1:30pm!



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

A Salvation That Is

Bigger Than Us

A Wisdom To Be Lived In

A Witness That

Astounds Us

An Urgency of Presence

A Savior That Delivers Us

Week 35 – Acts 12:20-25

A Message That Outlives Us

Welcome to Element, and congratulations! You made it through Element's sermon series on the first half of the book of acts—except for a recap next week! This week we look at pride, God's glory, and His enduring love. Acts 12 starts with Herod killing James, an apostle, and ends with God killing Herod. It is a pretty big turn of events!

Do you know anyone who portrays themselves as more than human?

What does it do to their attitude?

How do they view others?

How do you view that person?

In this passage we see that Herod dressed himself in the finest of robes to try to appear like a deity, not a man. He wanted to be worshiped, he wanted the praise of man above all else. Herod thought he was being exalted as powerful, but I am willing to bet he felt disconnected from others and used them strictly as a means to his own ends. Pride is so insidious- it makes us feel good because after all, we accomplished it.

Have you ever been humbled?

Read Acts 12:20-25.

What is your understanding of Pride?

Pride used to be touted as one of the deadliest of sins—but now, in our culture, pride is celebrated. Essentially, pride is the belief, "I can be my own God," manifesting itself. C.S. Lewis calls pride "the great sin," and says, "According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the

devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind..... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and family since the world began."

Where in your life are you prideful?

People often look at their finances, work, relationships, and virtues—essentially anything you have in your life that you use as a comparison to someone else. Some people can even boast that they are humble.

When does it feel like God is not in control?

What does for "God's glory," mean to you?

It's a cliché that is often used in Christian circles but not a lot of people have an accurate understanding of what God's glory entails. God's glory is God's weightiness in wonderful qualities such as might, beauty, goodness, justice, and honor. When it comes to these characteristics and so many others, God has them in superabundance. Thus, when we think of God's glory, we remember that God has all good things in greater quantity and quality than we can ever imagine. Notice, too, that God's glory is solid and substantial. It isn't mere reputation. It isn't dependent on anyone or anything else. God's glory reflects His essential nature. Moreover, God is the source of all good things. He actually shares His glory with us. When we receive His plentiful gifts with gratitude, when we use them to enhance His honor, when we acknowledge Him as the source of all goodness, then we are glorifying Him.

Do you find yourself engaging in activities to spread your glory?

Where do you go when all feels lost?

The gospel of Jesus will not be stopped, but where in your life are you opposing it?

What causes you to be silent or even resistant to the truth of the Gospel?