

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 1

ACTS

A call to all of us

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 3:18
Luke 1:1-4
Acts 1:1-2
Acts 24:2
Luke 2:14
John 1:29
Luke 5:13
Luke 5:36-39
Matthew 11:29-30
2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:16
Luke 23:34
1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Hebrews 9:22
1 John 4:10
Hebrews 2:17
Luke 24:6

UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

Connect Party, 7p Friday.
To RSVP, email:
connect@ourelement.org

All-church Business Meeting next Sunday, 1p

Gospel Class: Starts January 31st at 9:30a
8 week class that goes through basic Doctrine in Christianity & what Element believes specifically.

Smart Kids/Money Parent Class: Starts Next Sunday during 9:30a
Dave Ramsey's Smart Money class for parents to teach kids about money,





Welcome to a new year and Element's new sermon series on Acts. This series will take us until the end of September, so strap yourselves in, get comfortable, we will be here for a while! Today we are not starting with Acts 1, we are reviewing the entire gospel of Luke to help us gain pertinent background information to start the series.

Luke wrote a historical account of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ...and Acts paints the picture of a detailed account of how Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire. Both of the books, Acts and Luke are written to the same person: Theophilus, who Luke addresses as "most excellent" (I, Jon, would like that title on a business card, but I am a narcissist).

Who would you call "most excellent" as a title?

Who is the last person you wrote a letter to? Why?

Since we covered a lot of ground on Sunday

What is the most surprising thing you learned about Jesus' story as presented in Luke?

Luke starts his narrative with the birth of Jesus and John the Baptizer, Jesus' cousin. John the Baptizer is preparing the way for Jesus by telling people to repent from their sins and turn to God.

What is your understanding of Repentance?

What would John tell you to repent from?

As you move on from John, Jesus starts to call His disciples to be placed under his yoke, or teachings. A Rabbi's way of life, how he taught you to live the way of God, was called his yoke (like what is laid upon oxen). When you followed a Rabbi, you followed him because you believed that this rabbi's set of interpretations of the Scriptures were the closest to what God intended.

Read Matt 11:29-30

The intent of a Rabbi having a yoke wasn't just to interpret WORDS correctly – but how to live them out.

Would you say that you have taken on the "yoke" of Jesus?

What does that mean to you?

How are you NOT living like you are under His yoke?

In every chapter of Luke, he keeps bringing us back to who Jesus is and what He came to do: save us all. We are a people who are mired in sin from Gen 3 (it has never changed), we have broken relationships with God and continually dig our own pit deeper and deeper all the while thinking we are making things better. All the way back in the Torah God promises to make atonement for His people, to cover and remove their sin...how will he do this? Jesus.

From your understanding, what is the Gospel?

Why is the Gospel still good news?

Who do you say Jesus is?

Jesus died to pay the debt of our sin before God, to restore relationship between us and Him, but it didn't end there. Jesus then rose from the grave and by His resurrection restores us to new life again.

What is your understanding of the resurrection?

How do the death and resurrection of Jesus fit together?

What Jesus does in "resurrection" brings life again. He not only dies to pay for our sin, but rises to lead us into NEW life; a life of mission and purpose...that is what happens in the book of Acts. In Acts, we see the mission and purpose of the church unfold.