

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 5

ACTS

Worship That
Reminds Us

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 2:1-13

John 20:21-22

Acts 1:1

John 20:21-22

John 14:15-21

Matthew 5:44-45

Matthew 6:26

Matthew 6:34

John 8:14

John 19:10-11

John 14:25-27

John 14:21

Acts 1:5

UPCOMING @ ELEMENT

Kenya Missions Trip BBQ/Parking Lot Sale Fundraiser:

Sale from 8-2pm and
BBQ from 11-2pm. See
Welcome Center to
donate items or buy
tickets.

eFamily Spring Market:

April 23rd from
9am-3pm. All proceeds
help send the kids to
camp this summer!
Returning vendors
receive early entry and
Open entry starts on
February 15th
ekidsmarket@ourelement.org





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Acts 2:1-13

This is week 5 of our 37-week journey through the book of Acts. Acts will do three main things for us as a church body:

1. Enable us to see the beginnings of the church and Jesus' call to mission.
2. Enable us to understand what to look for in a church body should we ever move out of the Santa Maria Valley.
3. Enable us to understand that when we live on mission with and for Jesus we won't understand everything He is doing, but we can trust Him.

Today we want to look at how our worship is to remind us of what Jesus sent His Spirit to do in us.

Define the word "worship."

How do you worship?

When you worship, what are you reminded of?

Pentecost was a time of worship that reminded the Jewish people who God was and what He called them to be, His priests to the world. In Acts 2 the day of Pentecost arrives, the disciples are worshipping as they normally would, and the Holy Spirit comes to give them power to continue to be His witnesses to the world.

Read Acts 2:1-6 & Acts 1:8

How do these two passages fit together?

When you think of the "Holy Spirit" coming upon someone in power, what do you picture?

What does the Spirit enable these people to do?

Many Christians today become distracted by the phenomenon of "tongues" in Acts 2, but the reality is that "tongues" was not the point, the point was that they were able to be witnesses to those around them; the Spirit's power enabled them to witness. This tells us that God is committed

to His message going out in power, that if language or geography is in the way, God's Spirit will move heaven and earth to get the message out.

Do you know any stories of God using dramatic ways/things to save someone?

Who are the least likely people you know who would follow Jesus?

How do you pray and become a witness to them?

The best place to get a full picture of the Spirit's filling and power is Jesus. Jesus did everything He did, not by His own strength, but by living in the Spirit's power. In Luke chapter 4 we are told that Jesus was full of the Spirit, it is how He lived his life. Because Jesus was filled with the Spirit, He shows us two amazing things.

- That He has a generous relationship with the Father, a relationship of deep trust, intimate connected union, and love.
- That He wants to give us that same relationship through the sending and filling of the Spirit of God.

Jesus, being filled with the Spirit, is so grounded in who God is that He is never anxious or in fear that He will be lacking anything. Jesus never feels the need to prove Himself because He knows who He is in His Father's eyes.

What happens when you feel the need to prove yourself?

What things make you anxious or fearful?

How do you respond when anxious or fearful?

When anxiety or fear overtake our lives we become so self-focused we stop being the witnesses we are called to be. We see our lives as centering on our own feelings, our own rights, our own desires, rather than God's desires for the world. This is why when we look at the fruit of the Spirit, the very first thing He brings, is an understanding of God's love.

How have you misunderstood the role of worship in your life?

How can our daily living become the truest form of worship?

Jesus wants us to have the Spirit of God,

- **WHY?** So that the deepest parts of us would be saturated with the love of God
- **WHY?** Because it will transform all we feel and do
- **WHY?** So God is glorified and we become witnesses.

Our worship is to remind us of these facts.