

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 33

ACTS

An Urgency
of Presence to
One Another



UPCOMING:

Financial Peace University It's not too late to join! Make up session Monday at 5:30p, class begins at 6:30p sharp!

eMoms! Lompoc Aquatic Trip September 25th, 3:15p. Sign up today!

TODAY'S VERSES:

Acts 11:19-30

Ephesians 1

John 17

Acts 13:1

Mark 2:22

John 1:14

2 Corinthians 5:20

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
A Salvation That Is Bigger Than Us
A Wisdom To Be Lived In
A Witness That Astounds Us

Week 33 – Acts 11:19-30 An Urgency of Presence to One Another

Most people understand being a “good Christian” as following Jesus, knowing Jesus, and relating to Jesus. This has led many people to the (wrong) conclusion that they can be a “good Christian” without being connected to a church. Today, 80 percent of Americans say they can be what Jesus intended them to be without being connected to a church, a body of believers. The truth is, Jesus lived and breathed and did everything He could to create a *community* of people called the church.

- Ephesians 1 says He rules all things for the church.
- John 17 says He sanctified Himself for the church.

The church is a big mess with all kinds of craziness, but we can't get rid of it, because Jesus died and rose for it.

**How do you feel about “the church?” (*not Element per se, but the universal Church?*)
List both negative and positive.**

How can the perception of the Church be changed from an institution to a community?

The church is meant to be like God's hands and feet to the world; this idea has been called “the importance of presence.” What did the early church do? They sent letters, but they also sent prophets and apostles to be physically present to the church in Antioch. Why did they do this? Because God did the same thing for them. Jesus came in the flesh and they realized God was sending them “in the flesh.” God's presence affects the world through His power, but also through His people. We must become aware of how God now sends us as HIS PRESENCE in the world.

Are there any places God is calling you to in order to be His hands and feet to?

If your life is meant to be part of God's message to the world, what message are you sending?

Read Acts 11:22-26.

What does it mean to be a disciple?

How do we disciple one another?

RE-MIX: (Re)Commitment Sunday

INTRODUCTION – Catch up on our Re-Mix videos at:
www.elementroots.org/remix

We have reached the end of our Planting Roots Remix journey with what we are calling (Re)Commitment Sunday. If you are new, please don't feel awkward as we do not expect anything from you. As a family of believers in Jesus we have seen the need for Element as church body to have a permanent home in our city. Today we gather together to confirm, modify our commitments from 2 years ago to Planting Roots, or if we are newer and feel called, to make a financial commitment to our Planting Roots journey for the very first time. The commitments we make are a statement of intent that can be increased or decreased at any time (they are not legalistic laws, they are simply what we believe God is calling each of us to do).

We'll spend some time after the message today to invite anyone who is so willing to fill out a (Re)Commitment Card; they are available on the communion tables.

PRAY FOR:

If and how God wants you to be a part of the Planting Roots Journey. Remember it's not about a dollar amount; it is about giving in a joyful and sacrificial way by trusting Jesus with our money and possessions.