

Acts Series: Evangelism

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I. Introduction.

A. When we do not have an eager spirit to share Christ, we can ask God for it. (Romans 1:15)

B. When you share the gospel you are unleashing the power of God in the universe.

II. The speaking of tongues at Pentecost was to further the Great Commission. When God deepens your life at some point, it is for the advancement of the gospel throughout the earth. (Acts 2)

III. Peter's first move at Pentecost is to quote Scripture and preach the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (Joel 2:28-32)

A. The apostles learned the value of Scripture memory from Jesus Christ. (Psalm 41:9, 69:25, Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11, Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Genesis 22:18)

B. Make Scripture memory a continual practice.

IV. The message: the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. (Acts 2:23, 3:15, 4:10, 5:30)

A. The message is a risen Christ.

B. 3000 people came to Christ at Peter's message.

C. God adds to the church, not man. (Acts 2:47)

D. Do not place your faith in plans or your background - place your faith in God.

V. The people banded together so that the new disciples could be trained. (Matthew 28:19, John 21:15)

VI. Flexibility - Peter had money but only ample needs for his ministry; nevertheless, he met people's needs.

A. The message: our sins can be blotted out by repenting and returning to Jesus Christ.

B. 5000 people were converted.

C. The Lord added to the work. The Apostles always pointed people to God. (Acts 3:12, 2:47, 4:10)

D. Two basic principles of witnessing:

1. God does it. (2 Samuel 23:9)

2. God uses people. (Acts 10:1)

E. The message of redemption is left with us, but God does it. (Romans 15:18, John 15:4-5)

1. The believer's responsibility is first vertical so that he might be used.
2. We stay close to Jesus Christ that He might bear fruit in others.

Application questions

1. What does Peter's use of Joel 2 demonstrate about the importance of Scripture in his ministry?

2. What is the message Peter proclaimed and why is it not a man-centered message? Explain.

3. What are you doing to witness to others about Jesus Christ? What can you do unique this week to touch a life for an opportunity to share Christ?
