



ROUTE 66 - Pastor Tim Chambers

Key Idea: The Book of Acts. The Book of Acts isn't about Self Help, It's about Kingdom Help.

Scriptures Used: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:41-47; John 13:35; Acts 2:22-24, 29-33, 36-39; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 4:29-31

Share: The Church was comprised of people from all walks of life and all kinds of backgrounds. They were opposites that attracted because of one person (Jesus) and one Mission (to make Jesus known). This rapidly growing community of believers received the power of the Holy Spirit - the promised Counselor and Guide - and were enabled to witness, to love, and to serve the Lord.

Discuss:

- 1) *Why is unity so important, especially in the Church, and what does it demonstrate to the world?*
- 2) *What are some things we can do as believers to unite with others in the body of Christ despite our differences?*
- 3) *What things should we avoid or abstain from to maintain that unity?*
- 4) *What role does the Holy Spirit serve in our life to unite us?*

Read: Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”

Share: We learned last week that God is a Sending God, a missionary God, who calls His people - the Church - to be agents of His love and glory. This is what it means to be on mission. He established the Church to build His Kingdom and reflect His glory. The church should be a *magnetic place*. The Church (the people of God) should be *magnetic*. **Magnetic** means to have an unusual power or ability to attract.

Discuss:

- 1) *What attributes do you consider to be magnetic in a person?*
- 2) *How do we become more magnetic for God's glory?*
- 3) *What are some practical things we can do to attract the world to Jesus?*

Read: Acts 2:41-42 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Share: After the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples in Acts 2 and empowered them, Peter preached a power filled message about Jesus that immediately impacted the lives of people. After that we are given an account of the first church reflecting the Glory of God.

Discuss:

- 1) *Why is devoting ourselves to Biblical teaching, fellowship, sharing meals, the Lord's supper and prayer still important for us to do today?*
- 2) *What do you think would be the impact on our Church if we had 100% participation, where we all used every gift to the fullest? **Pastor Tim shared that not everyone is called to be a pastor, but everyone is called to serve God.***
- 3) *What's one gift you possess that you could offer to the Church right now?*

Read: John 13:35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Share: The Church isn't a business. It's not an organization. It's not a social club. It's a family. When we come to church on the weekend it's like coming to one big family reunion.

Discuss:

- 1) *How is the Church similar to a family?*
- 2) *Describe the type of love we should have for one another in the Church in order for us to prove to the world we are Jesus' disciples?*

The Church must be devoted. **Devoted means** - *Dedicated to putting on display the works and person of Jesus.* When you are proud of something and want everyone to see it, you put it on display.

5 words that describe the results of their devotion: Awe, Together, Continue, Favor and Added

Read: Acts 2:43-48 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Closing Remarks: God did not gift us His Holy Spirit to sit in the corner and collect dust. He gifted us to make a Kingdom impact. Let's be a Church Assembled. Where We partner with God to bring people to the foot of the cross where they can meet Jesus. Amen.

THINGS COMING UP TO KNOW ABOUT AND THINK ABOUT:

- **Fall Festival - October 27th.** Note to LOOP Leader: We will be asking your LOOP to get involved and choosing some area of this event to volunteer at and help make it an amazing event for our community.
 - A few things we're planning are...
 - A Trunk or Treat
 - Carnival Games
 - Food and Beverages
 - If you want to bring this up to your LOOP just so they know it's coming, we'll have more information in the coming weeks.