

God Will Build His Church

Proclamation Life Groups; Acts 2:1-47 and 2 Corinthians 5:10-21; Week of Sunday, October 2, 2016; Steve Thiel

God will build His church, adding to their number each day those who are being saved, through Spirit-empowered preaching and the faithful witness of Christians. The result is a body of believers who truly love one another.

I. Pouring Out of the Spirit – Read Acts 2:1-13

- A. Where were all the disciples gathered and why? What is the significance of Pentecost (v.1)?
- B. Why is the pouring out of the Holy Spirit important? What evidence is given of the Spirit?
- C. How many are impacted by the Spirit? What are the different responses (vv.12-13)?

II. Building of the Church – Read Acts 2:14-47

- A. How does Peter explain the miraculous events going on here at Pentecost (vv.14-21)?
- B. What components of the gospel stand out to you in Peter's sermon (vv.22-35)?
- C. How do people respond (v.37)? What does Peter encourage them to do (vv.38-39)? Why do you think repentance is important? How is faith involved? What is the role of baptism?
- D. What did believers do when they got together (v.42)? How does this impact what we do today as a local church? What stands out to you about the early church (vv.43-47)?

III. Preaching of the Gospel – Read 2 Corinthians 5:10-21

- A. As you reflect on Acts 2 and 2 Corinthians 5:10-21, how does God build His church?
- B. What two motivations does Paul give us to share the gospel with others (vv.10-15)?
- C. How does this impact the way we look at people (v.16)? How will we see them differently?
- D. What does it look like to be a new creature in Christ (v.17)? What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ (vv.18-20)? How do you think you are growing in these areas?
- E. What role do you think you play in God building His church? What things can you do?