

NT – ACTS – RISE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

CONFIRMATION - LESSON 17

Name: _____ Date: _____

Memory Verse of the Week:

But you will receive power when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Everything in the Old Testament is pointing forward towards _____---the Israelites saw part of the plan, but we have the luxury to see it unfold through Scripture!

_____ is written by _____ and is a continuation of the Gospels from the Resurrection of Jesus to the rise and spread of the early church.

- Luke is a very details _____, a companion of Paul, and writes Acts around ____ AD.
- The remaining books of the _____ were written between the late 40's AD to almost 100 AD.

Acts 1:8 – *“But you will receive power when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

- Acts 1:8 is the _____ verse for the entire book of Acts and the Early Church
- God continues to use an unlikely plan---_____ uneducated _____ to spread the Gospel!

John 16:7-8 – *‘Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your _____ that I go away, for if I do not go away, the _____ will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.’*

Acts 2 – Day of _____ comes and the believers are baptized in the _____ and spoke in tongues that were understood by foreign people

- **Acts 2:14-41** – A transformed _____ shares the story of Jesus and _____ come to faith
- God did amazing things in the early church---_____, _____, & no poverty.

Acts 4:1-7 – The _____ faced great persecution from the Jewish religious leaders. They were beaten, thrown into jail, and eventually put to death.

- **Acts 5:41** – *‘Then they left the presence of the council, _____ that they were counted _____ to suffer dishonor for the Name.’*

Acts 6-7 – _____ is arrested for preaching the Gospel and is the first _____ (killed for your faith) of the early church. He is put to death by _____, who would later convert to Paul.

The disciples were fueled by a transcendent _____ centered on the _____.

- **Acts 5:29** – *‘Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey _____ rather than _____.’*

Main Point: We are invited into the same _____ as the disciples, fueled by the Holy Spirit, and centered on the life, death, and resurrection of _____!

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) How would you describe the disciples in the Early Church?

2) Does the 'church' today look like the Early Church? How does it differ?

3) Would you give your life up for your faith? What about that idea scares you?

4) Do you face pressure or are you made fun of because you are a Christian? What do you think motivates people to do that to you?

5) Acts 4:12 says, '*And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*' What does this mean? Agree?

FAMILY TIME

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Your Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____
(Write your first & last name legibly)

Scripture is one of the main ways that God has revealed Himself to humanity. As followers of Jesus, we should be intentional about time in Scripture, seeking God for meaning, and then applying it to our lives. I've never met a mature Christian that doesn't have consistent time in the Bible!

We understand life is busy! If possible, try to read the passages and answer the first page separately. If time doesn't allow, feel free to answer together! It can be really cool to see how God speaks through the same passage of Scripture, differently, to different people!
ONCE COMPLETED, PLEASE SIGN ABOVE!

This week's passage:

- **Acts 2:42-47**

STUDENT

PARENT

<p>Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why:</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p> <p>2) _____ _____</p>	<p>Write 2 words or phrases that stood out to you and briefly share why:</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p> <p>2) _____ _____</p>
<p>What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life?</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p>	<p>What is one way, one of the answers above can apply to your life?</p> <p>1) _____ _____</p>
<p>One question I have from the Scripture that I read was:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>One question I have from the Scripture that I read was:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Complete this next section **TOGETHER:**

1) God speaks to different people in different ways, through the same passage. What is one thing that surprised you when you compared your answers from above?

2) This is a beautiful picture of the Early Church!
What are 2 things that are similar to our church today?

1: _____

2: _____

What are 2 things that are different from our church today?

1: _____

2: _____

3) If you had to summarize the purpose of church today, what would you say? What do you think it should be?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

4) The Early Church thrived, even in the face of very difficult pressure and persecution. Do you feel you face negative pressure for being a Christian in our society today? Why or why not?

STUDENT: _____

PARENT: _____

5) What was the result that the Early Church saw in verse 47?

**Close your time in prayer, using something that came up during your discussion.
PARENTS---MAKE SURE YOU SIGN AT THE TOP, ONCE IT'S COMPLETE!**