

DEEPER ROOTS

April 22-27

Planting Seeds: Read Acts 4

The testimony of Peter and John in verse twenty is encouraging. As they are being persecuted by the religious leaders, they state that, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." God is not asking for you to give grand arguments or make big speeches. He doesn't want you to be the most eloquent preacher. He just wants you to talk about what He has done in your life. He wants you to share with others how He has brought joy and meaning and significance and purpose to you. It doesn't need to sound perfect, or big, or grand. The truth of God is enough. The truth of what God has done for you is enough. **How has God changed your life? How would your life be different without God in it? Who is someone that you can share the truths of God with this week?**

Digging Deep: Read Acts 4, 1 Corinthians 15

In verse two of Acts 4, we see what is upsetting the religious leaders the most. The Apostles are proclaiming to the people that Jesus resurrected from the dead. This was a big deal. The religious leaders understood how big a deal this was. And if it was true, the people should reject their teaching, stop following them, and start following Jesus' apostles. They did not want to lose their power. They did not want to lose their following. So instead of listening and considering, whether the Apostles might be right or speaking the truth, they immediately attacked them in every way possible. The Resurrection lies at the center of our faith. Paul talks about the importance of understanding and believing in The Resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. Verse fourteen makes clear to us the importance of The Resurrection. If Jesus has not really been raised from the dead, then our preaching is in vain, and our faith is worthless. The power that Jesus has to overcome evil, overcome sin, overcome death, and raise to new life from the dead is vitally important. We need Jesus to defeat the sin in our life. We need Jesus to overcome evil in our life. We need Jesus to defeat death in our life. Without His power, we have no hope for eternal life. In His power, and through His death and resurrection we have all comfort and hope to spend eternity with Him. **Why is The Resurrection so important for your faith? How did the truth of the resurrection change the life and ministry of the apostles? How should this truth affect how we live our lives?**

Pioneer Drive Baptist Church wants you to grow in The Word during the week of 4.22-27.24. Planting Seeds is a quick devotional and Digging Deep is a more robust study for you, your family, or your group. If you have questions or feedback, please email Terence@pioneerdrive.org.