



The Book of Acts: *Holy Spirit Adventures*

Passage: Acts 6

The Book of Acts - A call to see the Spirit move again and again in every generation

Introduction

Pastor Jon said RENEWAL is when God touches the heart of a single individual. REVIVAL is when God touches a community of faith on mass. An AWAKENING is when the wider society is impacted through mass conversion and life change.

Where do you think we are as a church in this journey and where do each of you think you fit in this journey?

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Unpacking the Sermon

1. Acts 6: 1-2 “In those days when the number of disciples were increasing...”

As the church grew, so did frictions among the Jews - the Hellenistic Jews complained to the Hebraic Jews that there was an imbalance in the distribution of food and care for the poor.

Where do you see this strife and imbalance in the global and local church and in our communities? What can we do to make a difference?

2, Acts 6:3 “Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit of wisdom”

Pastor Jon points out that something new is unfolding that has never been seen in church history before—a new office called “deacons”. Their role is to found churches, evangelize, cast out demons and break ethnic, racial and gender barriers. They are both men and women.

How do you feel about the progressiveness of deacons being created so early on in the church and for including both men and women?

3. 1 Timothy 3: 8-12 “In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect...”

Discuss the attributes of the early deacons, their character and their spiritual gifts of administration and mercy.

4. Acts 6: 6-7 “They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the word of God spread.”

Pastor Jon points out that between Acts 2 and Acts 6 we see how the early Christians organized, served, prayed, and adjusted in the middle of huge growth by using their Spiritual Gifts.

How can we at Sanctus practice Gift Based ministry in the midst of change, growth and revival? How does the focus on our own spiritual gifts allow us to be flexible and filled with the Holy Spirit?

APPLICATION – For Discussion

Pastor Jon teaches us that It is one thing to read about the unusual moves of God in history, but it is another to live and lead and serve through them.

In the middle of God’s greatest moves in Scriptures, in church history and even in this very church, there is a lot to sort out.

Every move of God is brackish water, pure water and salt water mixing. Change is fun, hard or both! Discuss how we can accept and support change.

Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, please continue to lead us in understanding and using the spiritual gifts you give each of us. Help us to have faith through these tumultuous and changing times, and strengthen us as we serve and lead through them. As we continue to grow the local and global church, help us to remember that Jesus is our rock, our strength and our foundation and that we need to keep our eyes fixed on Him. Amen

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