The Story: Chapter 28 New Beginnings

Pastor Kevin Donoho October 22, 2023

DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEGMENTS:

- 1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.
- 2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX OUESTIONS:

Opening Discussion

 What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

Read Together

Acts 2:29-32

"Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

Acts 2:36-41

"Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many

other words, he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Thought #1: Being on mission is all about Jesus!

Revisit Acts 2:32

"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

Pastor Kevin reminded us of this truth: We can't go wrong if we keep pointing to Jesus. The same power that raised Jesus to life, is visible in ours as well.

When we believe in something, we can't help but talk about it. Recall a time you really believed in something and couldn't help but share it with those around you. It could be a product you had purchased, a mindset you have, a game you had attended, or an experience you had. Take a few moments to reflect on this.

What was it about this experience or circumstance that made it truly unique? (i.e., different from other things I'd tried) What about it made it stand out in a significant way? (i.e., changed my life in a specific way, made a situation or task easier) Why did you decide to share it with others? (i.e., I wanted them to experience the same revelation, a sense of urgency, wanting to spread this good thing)

Pastor Kevin reminded us that as witnesses to God raising Jesus to life, we have the opportunity to share it with the world.

Think back on the previous questions. How do we connect our answers to what we have experienced in Jesus? How does it look to share His love with those around us because He's different from other things you've tried, He has changed your life in a significant way,

and you want to invite others into the same revelation with a sense of urgency?

Thought #2: We are empowered to go on mission!

Acts 2:38

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

This passage reminds us that sharing Jesus comes out of experiencing Jesus. Where are you experiencing Him in a fresh and new way? How are you currently investing in growing your relationship with Him? Are you meeting obstacles in these areas? In what ways is He drawing you deeper right now in your walk? Consider inviting your community into accountability over these areas.

In this same passage, we are told that we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is a gift from Jesus to EMPOWER His witnesses. What does it look like for you to press into this gift? To embrace how Jesus is empowering you and follow where He is leading? What relationships, circumstances, or situations are you facing that you need this empowerment from the Holy Spirit?

Thought #3: We have a great responsibility to go on mission!

Acts 2:39 MSG

"The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away — whomever, in fact, our Master God invites."

The opportunity to live on mission is huge around us! Take some time to reflect on your daily life. Where has God placed you to live on mission? This may be in your workplace, your home, the car pick-up line, or the gym. Share these with your group. Each of us has a unique

opportunity to show others that Jesus came for all.

How will you live on mission in these places THIS WEEK? How can you live into your greater purpose? As you go into the week, commit to praying for one another to live on mission where Jesus has called you.

Questions for Pastor Todd Keller or Julie Burch regarding your REMIX group?

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***Remember to record your attendance for the week. Thank you.

How can we pray for each other this week?						
