

5x5x5 Reading Plan

A Year Long Read Through the New Testament

Mark 16

- 1. In verses 1-8 we see the account of the resurrected Christ appearing to Mary Magdalene, Mary, and Salome. Why is this singular interaction one of the most integral pieces to our faith? Why does this change the course of eternity compared to other beliefs & religions?
- 2. The end of Mark 16 (verses 9-20) is a rather "controversial" portion of scripture. Please read the link here as you consider these verses. Through the controversy, why is it important for us to remember that the central and core idea of the Gospel message is maintained and isn't changing regardless of how Mark concludes?

Acts 1

- 3. Verse 8 references "Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth", what is Jesus talking about when he tells them they will be witnesses in these places?
- 4. Verses 12-26 describe the replacing of Judas with Matthias. A common theme is that the current disciples prayed fervently about who would replace Judas (vv. 13-14 & 24-25). How do we balance the tension of our prayers alongside God's sovereignty?

Acts 2

- 5. This chapter describes in detail the day of Pentecost. What was the purpose of Pentecost? What started at Pentecost?
- 6. Verses 42-47 are the core of our structure for community groups. What commonalities do you see in your group with the structure here? What things in your group might need to shift toward a more biblical approach?

Acts 3

- 7. In Verse 1-10 we see a lame man healed. Why do you think the apostles were given the ability to go out and heal people? Was it of their own doing that they could heal?
- 8. In Peter's sermon he preaches that people should do what? How is repentance different from simply acknowledging God's existence? What are the differences in repentance and "getting caught"?

Acts 4

- 9. According to verse 11-12 who is our cornerstone and who is our salvation dependent upon?
- 10. Verses 13-31 we see the disciples being bold. Read verse 13 & 14, how evident was Jesus in the lives of Peter and John? What should it look like for us?

Next Week: Genesis 37:1-36 Reading Plan: Acts 5-9





