



Acts 2:42-47, 3:1-10, Matthew 17:24-27

(Various other texts)

"We Are Free! However..."

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Consult the Scriptures:

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 3:1-10

Matthew 17:24-27

*(See also: Gal. 1:1-10, 4:1-11, 5:1, Lk. 9:23, Judges 17:6, 21:25,
Prov. 12:15, Matt. 13:24-30, 1 Cor. 10:23-11:1)*

Discuss:

1. Pastor Patrick preached last week about "Saying 'Goodbye' to the Comfort Zone." Personally, what was uncomfortable about this week's sermon? Why is it uncomfortable?
2. Was it all uncomfortable? What did you find encouraging in this week's sermon?
3. Pastor Patrick talked about the difference between "*independence*" and "*inter-dependence*." Did God create us to be independent or interdependent? How might you argue your case? (See Acts 2:42-47 as an example)

4. Pastor Patrick read Acts 3:1-10 substituting the names “Peter and John” with “Jesus.” Why did he read it that way? What was his point?
5. Pastor Patrick warned against a rapidly spreading false gospel in the American church today. What is the false Gospel as Pastor Patrick described it? Do you agree or disagree?
6. Read Gal. 1:1-10 and discuss. Define a *“false gospel.”* What are some of the ways politics have corrupted the gospel of Jesus Christ (*by adding to or taking away*)?
7. Read Matt. 13:24-30 and discuss. How does this relate to what Pastor Patrick was addressing?
8. Read Matt. 17:24-27 and discuss. Pastor Patrick made a direct connection between this text and the issue of mandatory masks. How does it relate and how might it affect our response to the mandate?
9. Read 1 Cor. 10:23-11:1 and discuss. How does this apply to the subject addressed on Sunday?
10. Pray for the church in our country. Pray for Valley Life.