

***BELIEVE
BELONG
BECOME***

**A Sermon Series By
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A Place to Believe

Acts 2:38-47

Introduction:

“My words and actions evidence Christ’s indwelling.”

“My faith is expressed through works.”

“I am willing to get my feet dusty in the streets of my community.”

I participate in personal ministry that impacts my community.”

“The world sees the heart of God through the work of my hands.”

- David Jeremiah

I. We are called to engage society with the claims of the Gospel.

“The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell.”

- William Booth

A. We are called to engage our society in a message of repentance.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (V.39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

“William Carey chides his countrymen for deciding it would be impossible for the Gospel to travel over great distances and to penetrate varied cultures when they are willing to face the same trials for the sake of commerce.”

B. We are called to engage our society in a message of renewal.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (V.41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. (V.42) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

II. We are called to envelop sinners into a setting of giving.

- A. We are to envelop them into an atmosphere of grace.

Acts 2:43 *And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. (V.44)
And all that believed were together, and had all things common;*

- B. We are to envelop them into an atmosphere of generosity.

Acts 2:45 *And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.*

“Science tells us there are three kinds of tears. Basal tears flow continually into our eye to lubricate them, and reflex tears flow as a response to either pain or contact with an irritant. It is the third kind of tears—emotional tears—that only we humans have. Only humans are created in the image of God, and can look upon the plight of another and shed tears of compassion.”

- David Jeremiah

III. We are called to evolve into a society of growth.

- A. We are to grow in our relationship with other *Christians*.

Acts 2:46 *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

- B. We are to grow in our reputation of being compassionate.

“The world with Ted Turner has high jacked the Christian action of compassion, but the major difference is we are to do it in Love.”

Acts 2:47 *Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

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