

Sunday Sermon Review: Week of July 4th, 2021

Sermon Series: The Book of Acts

Sermon: What's your Foundation!

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Icebreaker

- What are you currently saving money for?

Conversation Starters and Sermon Review

I. Will you REFLECT Jesus? (Acts 4:13)

- Have you ever had to have a difficult or uncomfortable conversation?
 - What about it made it difficult?
 - How would having others there with you, supporting you, help you in that situation?
- What about your past made you believe you did not have what it takes to share boldly about Jesus?
- What about your life reflects that you've been with Jesus?
 - How is your prayer life, your reading life, your group life?

II. Will you REJECT him? (Acts 4:14-18)

- In what ways have you consciously or subconsciously rejected Jesus?
- To reject Jesus includes acknowledgement of His existence. Describe a time when you rejected God's love.
- How has the truth of God's word changed your theology or perspective on your life? On your struggles?

- How can we set aside the agendas of various world influences in favor of God's plan? How can we live a life of complete surrender to Jesus?
- What idols in your life are keeping you from living a life with Jesus and why are these difficult to let them go?

III. Will you FOLLOW Jesus? (Acts 4:19-22)

- Talk about the last time you told someone about the wonderful things God has done in your life.
- How strong is your foundation in Jesus?
 - What things need to die in your life to help strengthen that foundation?
- "You can live in the foundation of yourself, you can live in the foundation of others, or you can live in the foundation of God." -Pastor Mark Benton.
 - What would your life look like if you lived FROM the approval of God instead of FOR the approval of people?

Act On It

Encourage:

In today's message we heard that Peter and John were but uneducated common men who were worked through by Jesus to heal and spread the Gospel. Those who oppose the Gospel could not deny what God was doing to these men. God loves to use the unlikely, the old, the uneducated, and the murders. God is not limited by anything we are. God can use you no matter where you are in life, what you have done, or what you look like.

Allow Jesus to guide you into whatever he has in store for you for he is the power that walks with you who will give you the word in the hour that you need them. Trust in the Lord's plan for your life.

Ask:

Ask God for boldness to go forward and tell all people about what God has done in your life. Ask Him to come alongside you, to go before you, and support you. Ask God to give you the knowledge and wisdom you need for God tells us that He will give us these things. Ask God to help us find confidence not in ourselves, but in Him.

Challenge:

1. Who am I doing this for?
2. What are my barriers?
3. Pray.

Talk about what the difference is between believing in Jesus and following Jesus?

Prayer Request and Prayer

Father, thank you for calling us to your throne no matter what we have done. Thank you for sending your sons and daughter to all the world so that all may have the gift of eternal life and salvation in your name. Remind us that it is not written word that saves, but it is your Spirit. We are blessed to be part of a way God chose to reach the rest of the world. Let us then fulfill our calling to witness, to suffer, to be ambassadors in your name. Thank you God for your love, thank you for your faithfulness, thank you for healing, thank you for comfort, thank you God for deliverance, thank you for calling us sons and daughters, thank you for sending us your Son to die for all our sins, Amen.