

Week of October 15, 2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 9, Pt. 1

Sermon: The Birth of the Church

Text: Acts 1-2

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: Jesus gave the Church a Mission.

1. To reach the world. (1:1-11)
2. Through the power of the Holy Spirit. (2:1-13)
3. With the gospel. (2:14-41)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Acts 1:1. Jesus was working in the first 4 New Testament books. And He was working in the 5th NT book. When you experience any level of “ministry success” are you quick to give Jesus the credit? Why or why not? Where do you see Jesus working in and through King’s Cross Church?
2. Read Acts 1:8; 2:1-11, 41, 42-47; 4:4, 32-35; 5:42; 6:1-7. Who is the church for? Believers or non-believers? Can it be for both? If both, discuss how. Where is King’s Cross Church’s emphasis and is it biblical?
3. Read Matthew 16:18 and Romans 16:20. On Sunday we heard: “A city’s gates are defensive. You close them to keep the enemy out. So when Jesus says ‘the gates of Hell shall not prevail against’ His church, the imagery is that His church is going to storm the gates of Hell... and win!” Before Sunday, would you have defined the mission of the church like this? Discuss why or why not.
4. Since Jesus is on mission, then when a person decides to follow Jesus, it means that person is making a decision to be on mission too. On Sunday, we heard that if you are not on mission with Jesus (*in one way or another, to one degree or another*) then you may not be a Christian. Discuss whether or not you agree with that statement.
5. Reread Acts 1:8. How has the Holy Spirit equipped you for the mission to which God has called you? Do you find that some “missional activities” you engage in are without the Holy Spirit? Where might this be possible with our church (*being missional without the Holy Spirit*) and how can we avoid that?