

Going Viral with God's Good News

Sermon # 3, Acts 2:22-41

Main Point: Because Jesus is God's Messiah, all people are to repent, believe, and be baptized in Jesus' name.

Getting to Know You

1. If someone asked you to "Tweet" the gospel (on the social media site, Twitter), how would you put it?

Getting into the Book

Read Acts 2:22-41

1. Why are the miracles of Jesus important for identifying Him as God's Messiah?
 - a. Name some miracles which Jesus performed and what they say about His character.
2. What does verse 23 say about who is responsible for Jesus' death? Why is this important?
3. According to verse 24 why is the resurrection of Jesus important?
 - a. In light of this verse, what would you say to your unbelieving friend who confesses to you that they are scared to die?
4. Acts 2:25-35 contains many quotes from Old Testament Scriptures (Psalm 16:8-11; 110:1; 132:11). What does this tell you about the nature of the Bible?
 - a. What did Jesus say about the connection between Scripture and His life? Read Luke 24:44-47.
5. Read 2:33. Where is Jesus now? What does His position tell us about His authority?
6. What was the response of some who heard Peter's message? How does this encourage you to go viral with the gospel?

Getting Out There

7. Verse 38 urges us to invite our non-Christian friends to respond to God's invitation through Jesus. Describe the meaning of the following terms in a way that your non-Christian friend would understand:
 - a. Repentance
 - b. Faith
 - c. Baptism
 - d. Forgiveness
 - e. Sins
8. How closely does your "Tweet" of the gospel match Peter's outline of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, prophecies, exaltation, and asking for a response?
9. How has going through the book of Acts made you more aware of the spiritual condition of those around you?
10. Have each Family Group member give their answers to these questions:
Who are you reaching?
 - a. Reach up in prayer. What are the names of the three people you praying for to come to Christ?
 - b. Reach out in relationship. What steps have you taken to build a relationship with them?
 - c. Reach in with the gospel. When will you take a step of faith and share the gospel or your testimony with them?

Pray

Pray for opportunities and the boldness of the Holy Spirit to go viral with the good news this week. Pray also for God's leading in the launch of our Lighthouse Campus.