

Jesus in Our Heart, Bible in Our Hands
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Acts 2:37-47

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Synopsis:

We've been talking about getting our feet out the door. But getting our feet out the door is the result of something else, a saving community. Wouldn't you like to live in a community that exhibits,

Hunger for Bible study

Rich fellowship

Prayer

Sharing and giving

Praising God

Grace for each other

Amazing signs and wonders

This is the salvation community the Holy Spirit produces, and it happens not after we die, but now. Without the Holy Spirit salvation community, feet-out-the-door is merely coercion, like community service to high school students. How do we find the salvation community?

I.

Call and Cut

Acts 2:37 "When they heard this, they were cut to the heart"

READ 2:37, REFER to PETER'S SERMON

Spirit = Day of Lord

Died and Risen = New Life

Ascended = Authority

How do you get into such a community?

Cows are Christians (Kierkegaard)

Christendom model (citizen)

Join a club (24 Hour Fitness)

Getting the Call: READ 39-30 (Jesus and Peter call 2x)

Jeff Binkley and Iraq

Commanding officer called

Tom Black Little League team "I got the call"

Getting Cut to the Heart: v 37

Can we manufacture cutting to the heart?

It is a personal encounter with Jesus

Call happens through preaching not because of preaching

Montvale YL Camp -life to Jesus (Bob)

Dale House -life to others (George)

1st Pres C Spgs -life to teach (Jim, Ludwig)

*I heard Jesus and said, "Yes!"

Have you heard the call of Jesus on your life?

Have you been cut to the heart?

II.

Turn and Baptize

Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized every one of you"

Question: What are we to do?

Answer: READ 38-39

Peter's answer: Repent and be baptized

Repent = turn, give up your agenda (medical school)

Repeatedly

Baptize = die to self and come under power of Jesus life

Into service (Jesus' baptism)

E.g. Naomi Stark = new family, new life to serve

Sins = all I've done and not done

Matt 18 Kingdom of God = owe

E.g Quinn and panic in Scotland

When enough people are:

Cut to heart

Turn

Baptized for forgiveness of sins

Result = a salvation community

III.

Result: Holy Spirit Community

Acts 2:46-47 "Day by day . . . praising God and having the goodwill of all the people"

Community Summaries in Acts:

2x here

4:32-37

5:12-16

READ 42-47 Characteristics of the Salvation Community
Happens when Holy Spirit calls, cuts, turns, and baptizes

Bible Study

Fellowship and Eating together

Prayer

Sharing and giving

Praising God

Attending worship

Praising God

Grace for each other and community

Dave Bowen

Wes and Janis

Martie Sheffer

The Unit

Praise Band, Trad

Kind words, Jan C

How do we find the salvation community?

Jesus calls, cuts, turns, and baptizes

Call for commitment to Jesus