

*Acts 2:37-42***REVIEW:**

Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it... ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

- 1. Jesus is affirmed as the promised Messiah through word and power. (v.22)**
- 2. Jesus accomplished God’s plans & purposes through his suffering and death. (v. 23)**
- 3. Jesus rose from the dead – establishing our new quality of life. (v.24)**

JESUS’ MISSION TO EXPAND HIS KINGDOM IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH OUR GOSPEL SHARING.**1. The proclamation of the gospel: the listener will respond.**

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

2. The goal of the gospel: a radically transformed life.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3. The reach of the gospel: availability for all.

Acts 2:39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

NOTES:

JESUS' MISSION TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH BAPTISM AND DISCIPLESHIP.

1. Baptism publicly communicates our allegiance to King Jesus.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

2. Discipleship matures believers in the context of community.

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

EXPANSION LEADS TO ESTABLISHING WHICH, IN TURN, LEADS TO FURTHER EXPANSION.

Acts 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

REVIEW/DISCUSS

1. Think back to your baptism. What motivated your decision? Did you have a clear understanding of what you were doing? Describe your recollections from that day. If you are a follower of Jesus and have not been baptized, what is holding you back?
2. How has your relationship with Jesus grown in the past few years? What motivated contributed to that growth? If you feel stagnant, can you identify why? What are you doing, or what could you be doing, to grow as a disciple of Jesus? What increased fruit can you expect with that growth?

APPLY

1. As we prepare to get back into our study in Galatians, how are you doing with memorizing Galatians 2:20? If you haven't started, today's a great day to begin! Remember, we memorize with the goal of comprehension. Can you explain the words and phrases of this verse?

SONGS

- King of Heaven
- Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
- I Am Set Free
- Only A Holy God

2026 BUDGET

- Weekly Giving: \$8,747
- Weekly Need: \$12,300
- YTD Giving: \$134,586
- YTD Need: \$172,200
- Expansion Fund: \$385,299

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