

SERMON NOTES

May 27 & 28, 2023

The Art of Remembering

Acts 2:1-39

1. Remembering the work of the Holy Spirit reveals God's goal is to _____ where I am quick to _____. **Acts 2:1-4**

2. Remembering God's grace for _____ helps me practice grace for _____. **Acts 2:5-11**

3. Remembering God's plan brings _____ to the _____ and _____ to the _____. **Acts 2:12 - 13**

4. Remembering God's mercy equips me to _____ change rather than _____ change. **Acts 2:37**

5. Remembering God's promises helps me have a _____ for the future. **Acts 2:39**

Life Steps

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Monday

Acts 2:1-3

Reflect: What would you think if you heard a sound like the wind and saw something like tongues of fire resting on your friends? Can you remember a moment that seemed odd to you, but it ended up being the Holy Spirit guiding you? Spend time remembering as many odd and wondrous ways God has shown up in your life, or remember moments where you may be still waiting for the Holy Spirit to reveal itself.

Prayer: God, we know you move in odd and wondrous ways. Some movements are enormous in scale and others are so subtle we may miss it. No matter the commotion or the whisper, we trust You are working and acknowledge the Holy Spirit is with us. Amen.

Tuesday

Acts 2:4

Reflect: Can you name your spiritual gifts? Are you using your gifts to serve? Don't know your spiritual gifts? Discover them at Pathway.Church/PLACE. What step in your faith journey do you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you toward?

Prayer: God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Show me which step you would like me to take so I may serve your people. Help me find the place where the Holy Spirit can use my gifts with those who are curious about God. Help me trust You have given me good and wondrous gifts that will bring You glory. Amen.

Wednesday

Acts 2:5-11

Reflect: Have you ever been wrong about someone? Has someone ever been wrong about you? How often do you take time to sit with someone different than you and hear their story? List a name of an acquaintance you can get to know better this week and consider inviting them to church.

Prayer: Show me which step you would like me to take so others may experience the Holy Spirit, too. Use me to speak to those who have been hurt by people and hurt by the church. Use me to communicate You are a God of healing and restoration. Amen.

Thursday

Acts 2:12 - 20

Reflect: Which mindset are you when you encounter people you think you have figured out? Are you curious? Do you justify their behavior with your own truth? Is it easy to view people through God's understanding of them or through your understanding of them? List a group of people you are curious about. List a group of people you would have a hard time speaking with.

Prayer: God, give me clarity where I am curious. Give me humility when I speak with people I consider difficult. Show me where I can lean into your understanding of others more than my own understanding.

Friday

Acts 2:21-24

Reflect: List ways God has given grace to you. Grace can be defined as getting something great you don't deserve. List ways God has shown you mercy. Mercy can be defined as being spared from something you do deserve. Are there specific people or groups, in general, you can extend grace to?

Prayer: God, thank you for your grace and mercy. Give me memories of your grace and mercy throughout my life so that I may extend them to others. Amen.

Saturday

Acts 2:25-28

Reflect: What gives you hope? What is your joy level? Are there moments in your life that have you shaken? Remember a story or two where you saw the Holy Spirit guiding you and write them down. Who can you invite to worship that could benefit from the joy of the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: God, thank you for going before me and existing with me at all times. I trust your goodness and the path you are leading me on. Thank you for the joy I find in your presence. Amen.

Sunday

Acts 2:36

Reflect: We all fall short of creating community the way Jesus does. That's why we need Him. What was your favorite benefit from remembering God's promise from last weekend? Name someone in your life who would benefit from knowing God has a promise for them too. Who is far off from God that you can pray for today?

Prayer: God, thank you for giving me the Holy Spirit. Lead me into new scenarios where I can connect one more to your community. Help me understand the responsibility that my actions reveal who you are more than my words. Amen.