

# WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

## FALL MESSAGE SERIES 'CHURCH'

A Study Through the Book of Acts

This week's message:

**CHURCH: Proclaiming Jesus**

**Acts 2:14-41**

**The Message of Acts 2 is JESUS CHRIST:**

1. **A VALIDATION of Jesus as CHRIST.** (v. 16-22; Joel 2:28-32)
2. **His DEATH and RESURRECTION.** (v. 23-32 ; Psalm 16:8-11)
3. **The EXALTATION of Jesus as LORD.** (v. 33-36; Psalm 110:1)

**The Definition of the Gospel:**

**JESUS CHRIST is the Gospel.** (Romans 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-10)

**His cross** (1 Cor. 1:17), **grace** (Acts 20:24; Gal. 1:6; Col. 1:6), **peace** (Eph 6:15), **hope** (Col. 1:23), **the death of death and the gift of eternal life** (2 Tim. 1:10), **His Kingdom** (Matt. 24:14; Mark 1:14-15; Col. 1:13-14)

...His **DEATH** and His **RESURRECTION**.

**The Implications of the Gospel for Christian ministry:**

- We **PREACH** the Gospel.
- We **MINISTER TOGETHER** *through* the Gospel.
- We are **WITNESS** of the Gospel in us.

**This Week's Reading Through Acts:**

Sunday	<b>Acts 21</b>	Tuesday	<b>Acts 23</b>	Friday	<b>Acts 26</b>
Monday	<b>Acts 22</b>	Wednesday	<b>Acts 24</b>	Saturday	<b>Acts 27</b>
		Thursday	<b>Acts 25</b>		

## Community Group Discussion Guide

**Read Acts 2:14-41.** If you missed Sunday's message, listen online.

**Discuss Sunday's message:**

- ◆ What did you like about Sunday's message? What did you find challenging? Was there something you struggled with?
- ◆ Consider *Acts 2:14-41* as the focus of *Acts 2*. What is the focal message? Reconsider *Acts 2:1-11* and *Acts 2:42-47* in light of this fact. How does it change your understanding of these texts?
- ◆ What is the heart of the Gospel? How would you explain the Christian life to someone? (in accordance with *1 Peter 3:15*)
- ◆ Discuss Peter's use of the Old Testament (OT) Scriptures in *Acts 2*. How does the Old Testament help us understand God's plan of redemption in Jesus? Where can you see the Gospel in the OT?
- ◆ What enabled Peter's use of OT text with his audience? Should we expect the same message to be as effective with our "audience"?

**Practicing What We've Preached:**

- ▶ How does the Gospel address your current circumstances – good or bad? How does the Gospel address every area of your life?
- ▶ How do we minister through the Gospel? Consider some of the ministries you serve in or have observed in our church. How do they or do they not minister through the Gospel?
- ▶ If God has given you eyes to see how we can better our ministries for Gospel intention, perhaps He is calling you to serve. How can you serve God's purpose in His church's witness of the Gospel?

**Have you been reading through Acts?** What additional questions or insights do you have from your reading?

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