

Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20, 2018 - "#GRACEDETROIT - Week 1" - Gerald Coleman

Key Passages: Acts 2:1-24, Acts 10, Acts 15

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We are a mosaic striving to live like Jesus
  - Broken pieces of glass cemented together to make a beautiful image
  - We are broken but through Jesus and the Holy Spirit we are united as a reflection of God
  - Different backgrounds/ages/economics but in Christ the family of God
- Revelation 7:9-12
  - When we gather we join in with heaven
  - From all nations, tribes, tongues → God values differences
- Acts 2:1-24 (post resurrection, Jesus loves and says its better that he leaves so the Holy Spirit can come)
  - The Holy Spirit didn't just fill the room, it filled individuals (Holy Spirit empowered them to speak and 3000 were saved)
  - We want the Holy Spirit to fill us
- The Day of Pentecost (This Sunday)
  - Celebrating God giving the law to Moses (Love God with your entire self and love your neighbor as yourself)
  - We need supernatural help to fulfill the law → Holy Spirit writes the law on on our hearts
- \*\*Just because we have received the Spirit does not mean we done growing and being filled\*\*
- Peter's story in Act 10
  - God gives Peter a vision and connects him with Cornelius (shows him that the gospel is for the gentiles too)
  - **We must continue to allow the Spirit to transform our deep seated beliefs**
  - Our hearts are wicked but God is doing something, like He did with Peter
- Peter @ Anitoch (A church of Jews and Gentiles, a diverse church like Grace)
  - Peter would meet with Gentiles and then change the way he acted when his Jewish brothers came
  - **The Holy Spirit also wants to transform our actions**
  - We don't want to allow the culture do define who we draw near to and who move away from
- The Mosaic needs to go deeper
  - We must own one another as brother and sister
  - Sometimes we are called to have hard conversations
  - We need to call one another to be who we were intended to be
- Acts 15 (Jerusalem Council: About whether gentiles needed to be circumcised)
  - Peter speaks up because he had been confronted by the Holy Spirit (He leveraged his leadership)
  - **We need to be leaders outside of these walls**
  - It may be costly, but we are the light of the world called to illuminate the darkness all around us
  - We need to take the lampshade off of our church and our lives

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Talk about a moment when you realized you were not done being filled or grown by the Holy Spirit?
2. What are some of the deep seated beliefs that the Spirit of God has transformed in you?
3. When was a time when the Holy Spirit transformed your actions? What changed? What did God teach you?
4. How is God calling you to live deeper into the mosaic that God values in our church and in the world?
5. How is God calling you to be a leader and to speak up outside of the walls of the church?
6. Where is God showing you that you can be the light of the world?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-

Mon: Acts 1 Tues: Acts 2 Wed: Acts 3 Thurs: Acts 4 Fri: Acts 5

Worship Set this weekend: In Jesus Name (Darlene Zschech) - Only Jesus (Bethel/Brian Johnson) - All to You (Grace Original/Melissa Gray) - Holy Spiirt (Bryan and Katie Torwalt)