

ACTS

Jesus still matters

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday March 17th, 2019

ACTS - It's All About Jesus

Pastor David Cooke - Acts 6: 8 - 7:60 (ESV)

- **Does Jesus Still Matter?**

- **An _____ Life**
Acts 6:8–10

- **If You Want To Be Like Jesus, You Might Be Treated Like Jesus**
Acts 6:11–14

- **True Character Shows Under _____**
Acts 6:15



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- **It's About Jesus**

Acts 7: 2-50

- **The Truth** _____

Acts 7:51–54

- **It's Not About You**

7:55–60

i) When We Keep It About Jesus, _____

ii) _____ Are Watching Your Suffering

iii) _____ Is Greater Than Our Suffering

- **God's Got A Plan, It's Going To Be OK (But It Still Hurts)**

Acts 8:1

Answers: Overflowing, Pressure, Offends, He Shows Up, People, Jesus



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LIFE GROUPS STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to:

- **Connect with God and each other**
- **Connect the Bible to life**
- **Connect with the community through serving together**

OUR VISION

Our Bold, Daring, Audacious Dream and Prayer: *By 2028 Cold Springs Church will raise up 10,000 local, national and international leaders who live and lead out of the overflow of a Jesus-trusting life resulting in restored and strengthened families.*

(Check out our Vision Wall in the lobby)!

ICE BREAKER: What comes to mind when you think of being *bold*?

PRAYER Our desire is that you give 10% of your time to God in prayer. Before your sermon discussion, take time to pray together.

THIS WEEK: “It’s All About Jesus” Acts 6:8-7:60

In Acts, the Bible captures the story of how a crucified Jesus challenged a hostile and disinterested culture with a message of hope, grace and love that continues to transform lives today. The Book of Acts. Jesus still matters. Jesus still transforms. Jesus still challenges culture. Jesus still saves.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, what particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you?

2. What can you say about this week’s passage regarding how to respond to others about Jesus? (See also Mt. 11:29, Rom. 12:3).

3. How would you answer someone with the power to sentence you to death if you professed to be a Christian?



The witnesses twisted Stephen's words about Jesus and his work. This is similar to what happens so easily in our day. People's words get twisted around to mean something else. We are to remain *humble* and *gracious*.

TAKING IT HOME

As difficult as it may seem to plow through the historical theology of Acts 7, the chapter forms a pivotal point in the book as *the gospel*, because of Saul's (later Paul) vigorous persecution of Christians, spreads well outside Jerusalem and Palestine.

It really is all about **God's redeeming work through Jesus** throughout salvation history. Traditions about the temple and the Law became barriers to seeing Jesus because the focus came upon them and not what they were pointing to.

4. This week's passage is a good lesson application for churches and Christians today. What do we worship that was never meant to be worshipped?
5. What values or faith traditions were meant to point to Jesus, but now we focus on the value or tradition more than on Jesus?
6. How can this week's message or others help us look beyond our own interests and point to Jesus?
7. Taking all that you have considered this week, what will help you move more toward a Jesus-focused life?

