

ACTS

Jesus still matters

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday September 1st, 2019

ACTS - The Two Things You Need To Grow In Jesus

Pastor David Cooke - Acts 18: 24-28 (ESV)

- **Does Jesus Still Matter?**
- **When I Grow Up I Want To Be Like...**
- **The Two Things You Need To Grow In Jesus**
- **Work To Be A Person of _____**

a) Know the Scriptures

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12, NLT

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105, NLT



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b) Speak Well

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15, NLT

c) Be Bold

The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as bold as lions. Proverbs 28:1, NLT

• **Work To Be A Person of** _____

a) Be _____

Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more. Proverbs 9:9, NLT

b) Be _____

I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God. Psalm 84:2, NLT

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Romans 12:10-11, NLT



c) Be _____

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should. Ephesians 6:18-20, NLT

d) Be _____

Whoever stubbornly refuses to accept criticism will suddenly be destroyed beyond recovery. Proverbs 29:1, NLT

e) Be _____

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29, NLT

• Following Jesus Is A Contact Sport

Answers: Competence, Character, Teachable, Engaged, Bold, Humble, Commendable



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DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

LIFE GROUPS will be back for our **Fall Launch** next **Sunday, Sept, 8th 2019**. Sign up's are in the lobby today. For information about what is happening at Cold Springs Church, check out our website: coldspringschurch.net, "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on **Instagram**.

PRAYER

The Bible says we are to "pray without ceasing..." (1 Thessalonians 5:17). This does not mean we must walk through life with our heads bowed and eyes closed. It does mean that we can live with an awareness of God's presence and power in our lives. We can be mindful of continually surrendering our thoughts, feelings and actions to him. Before you begin, spend some time in prayer and worship.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man (or woman) of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV)

Ask yourselves the following questions as you read this week's Bible passage...

What is God asking me to believe?

What is God asking me to do?

How is God preparing me to live more effectively for him?

For more tips and resources on what is in the Bible and how to read it, visit www.thebibleproject.com. **The Bible Project** creates free videos that show the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. To find out more about this ministry, check out this short clip: <https://youtu.be/wtuxIzTf9Ns>.



THIS WEEK

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you?
2. What about this week's message led you towards Jesus? How so?
3. Taking all that you have considered this week, what is the one important thing for you to remember and put into action?



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