

ACTS

Jesus still matters

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday September 22nd, 2019

ACTS - True Grit

Pastor David Cooke - Acts 20: 17-38 (ESV)

- **The Letter of Your Life**

- **Life Is** _____
Acts 20:18-19
 - Serving with _____
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- _____ **Is Everything**
Acts 20:24

Galatians 2:20

- **True Grit**
Acts 20:20 & 27

True Grit is choosing to step toward the challenges, not away.



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- **Do Your _____ . Trust God With The _____ .**
Acts 20:28

- a) Pay Careful Attention To _____
- b) Pay Careful Attention To Your _____
- c) Stuff Is Gonna Happen Out of Your _____
Acts 20:29–32
- d) Put People In The Hands of God and the Truth of Scripture

- **Be Compassionate and Generous**

True Grit has this fruit of a soft heart to the needy.

- **The Letter of Your Life - What Will It Be?**

Answers: Hard, humility, tears, trials, Attitude, Best, rest, Yourself, People, Control



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LIFE GROUP 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 : If you were writing an autobiography, what would you entitle it?

PRAYER: Our desire is that you give 10% of your time to God in prayer. Take time to pray together in your group.

THIS WEEK: “True Grit” (Acts 20: 17-38)

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. If you knew you were going away and weren’t coming back, and you gathered a group of your dearest relationships together, what would you say to them? What would you remind them about what your life has spoken during your time together?
3. After hearing this week’s message, how would you describe the idea of perseverance to someone?
4. How can you relate to the following verses: Acts 20:24 and Galatians 2:20?
5. This weekend, Pastor David challenged us with: “How clear are you on your course?” Use the below roles to describe where and how you live out your “course” and “the ministry.”
 - As a husband/wife? As a father/mother?
 - As an employee? As an employer?
 - As a friend? As a part of the body of Christ, the church?



TAKING IT HOME

Throughout the Acts sermon series, we have seen that what qualifies us to be used by God in the world is to be a disciple of Jesus. At Cold Springs Church we describe a disciple of Jesus as, “someone who follows Jesus in an ever-deepening relationship of love.”

Pastor David spoke about “True Grit.” True Grit is choosing to step toward the challenges, not away. He mentioned the need to pay careful attention to yourself and your people.

6. What does paying attention to yourself or your people mean in your life?
7. What are you shrinking back from in your journey of following Jesus?

We also heard that, a Mega-theme of Paul’s was a life of justice, care and generosity. He ends with this. Quoting the words of Jesus - “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*” (v.35)

8. What are the options that empower you to step towards the challenges in order to follow Jesus more deeply?

ON MISSION

Acts shows what it means to be part of Jesus’ mission to the world. The apostles set the example of what it means to be fully devoted to Christ and enveloped by the Holy Spirit.

At Cold Springs Church we talk about being “on mission.” Jesus was sent by his Father on a mission. And so are we. We are “on mission with Jesus” when we integrate our changed hearts (through Jesus) into our everyday lives – bringing God’s Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.

In order to receive the power of God, one does not need a religious formula, but rather a relationship with a person... Jesus.

Join in our ***Restoring & Strengthening Prayer*** (on our lobby wall):

“Jesus, today I pray you would help me to see things the way you see them. I pray I would feel about people the way you feel about them. I pray for the courage to say “Yes” to the adventure you invite me to live with you today. I pray for the strength to go the extra mile. Forgive me and forgive your people where we have failed to trust and love each other. And I pray for your Kingdom to come, for your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Please start with me. Amen.



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