

ACTS

Jesus still matters

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday September 15th, 2019

ACTS - Faith With Power

Pastor David Cooke - Acts 19: 11-20 (ESV)

- **Does Jesus Still Matter?**

- **Is There Any Difference?**

- i) We are all fully human

- ii) We are sinners (Romans 3:23, ESV)

- iii) We Experience Blessing and Pain (Matthew 5:44–45)

- **What's The Difference?**

The Power of the Holy Spirit working through the surrendered life.
(2 Timothy 1:7), (2 Timothy 3:5)

1. The _____ Life

a) Jesus' _____

b) Jesus' _____

c) Jesus' _____ (John 15:4–5, ESV)



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2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

• **Extraordinary Things**

(Acts 19:11–12)

• **Power Encounter**

(Acts 19:13–16)

- a) We are _____ people and we live in a spiritual world.
- b) There is _____ in the name of Jesus
- c) There is _____ in the name of Jesus (Mark 3:13–15)

• **Surrendering More**

(Acts 19:17–20)

The surrendered life is a life of listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit.

• **Be Different**

So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

(Acts 19:20)

The Different Life: The Power of the Holy Spirit working through the surrendered life.

Answers: Surrendered, Agenda, Strength, Wisdom, Power, spiritual, no power, power



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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 : What is your favorite holiday and what makes it so?

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: “A Faith With Power” (Acts 19:11-20)

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. Describe a “miracle” in our times. Share any extraordinary experiences you have heard of or lived through.
3. How can you relate to the following verses: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 and 3:5?
4. How would you respond to someone who asks, “What difference does Jesus make in your life?” (See also Mark 3:13-15; John 15:4-5; Acts 1:8).



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.”

This weekend Pastor David spoke about “the surrendered life” as “a life of listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit.” The Spirit of God nudges us to let go of the things that we trust in more than Jesus.

Pastor David asked the following 2 questions, take some time to share your answers as a means of support and encouragement for each other...

5. What have you surrendered to follow Jesus?
6. What do you need to surrender to follow Jesus?

We also heard that, “We don’t change until the pain we’re in is greater than the perceived pain of the change.”

7. What is motivating you into a deeper life with Jesus?
8. What is your next step (this week) towards a Jesus-trusting life?

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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