
THE RISEN CHRIST IS LORD: Acts 2:29-41**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: What news have you received that required action?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Acts 2:29-32

Read Aloud: Have someone read Acts 2:29-32.

Discussion: What does Peter say David foresaw?

Why does the resurrection matter for daily Christian confidence?

Why is Peter careful to distinguish David from Jesus?

Acts 2:33-36

Read Aloud: Have someone read Acts 2:33-36.

Discussion: What claims does Peter make about Jesus here?

How should Jesus' lordship shape ordinary decisions and loyalties?

Why is the phrase this Jesus whom you crucified so piercing?

Acts 2:37-41

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Acts 2:37-41.

Discussion: How do the listeners respond to Peter's message?

What does repentance look like beyond feeling bad about sin?

Why is Peter's invitation both urgent and hopeful?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Identify one area where you need to submit more fully to Jesus' lordship.

Pray for a heart that stays tender and responsive to conviction.

Practice repentance, confess a specific sin to another, then take a step toward restitution.

PRAYER TIME

GOD IS NOT CONTAINED: Acts 7:2-10, 35-39, 48-56**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: When have you realized that something important could not be controlled as tightly as you thought?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Acts 7:2-10**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Acts 7:2-10.

What pattern does Stephen begin to establish through Abraham and Joseph?

How might this passage help believers trust God when life feels displaced or uncertain?

Why do you think Stephen begins with Israel's history instead of a direct defense?

Acts 7:35-39

Read Aloud: Have someone read Acts 7:35-39.

Discussion: What irony does Stephen highlight in the people's response to Moses?

Where do people today tend to resist God's leadership even while wanting his help?

How does Moses prepare readers to understand Jesus more clearly?

Acts 7:48-56

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Acts 7:48-56.

Discussion: What does Stephen teach about God's presence in verses 48-50?

What forms of spiritual stubbornness show up in Stephen's confrontation?

Why is Stephen's vision of Jesus at God's right hand so important?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Release one area where you have tried to keep God safely inside your preferences, routines, or expectations, and ask him to reshape your obedience this week.

Identify any place where conviction has made you defensive, and respond with repentance instead of resistance.

Stand openly for Jesus in one difficult conversation this week, trusting that his approval matters more than human acceptance.

PRAYER TIME

FINISH THE RACE FAITHFULLY: Acts 20:17-32**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: Who has influenced your life by the way they finished well, not just by how they started?

STUDY THE BIBLE

Acts 20:17-24

Read Aloud: Have someone read Acts 20:17-24.

Discussion: What qualities mark Paul's ministry in these verses?

What does Paul's example teach believers about hardship and calling?

Why does Paul say he values finishing his course more than preserving his life?

Acts 20:25-31

Read Aloud: Have someone read Acts 20:25-31.

Discussion: What responsibility does Paul place on the elders?

What dangers does Paul say the church will face?

Why does Paul connect truth, vigilance, and love so closely here?

Acts 20:32

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Acts 20:32.

Discussion: What does Paul ultimately entrust the church to?

How does the phrase word of his grace steady believers today?

Why is this such a fitting ending to Paul's charge?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Ask God to show you one area where spiritual drift has made you less alert, and respond by returning to Scripture and prayer this week.

Encourage or support a church leader who carries responsibility for others, remembering that faithful shepherding is costly work.

Identify one gospel conversation, service opportunity, or act of obedience you have delayed, and take the next step with courage.

PRAYER TIME

THE COST OF REJECTING GOD: Romans 1:18-32**CREATE INTEREST**

Question: Share about a time in life when you or someone you know ignored a warning sign and suffered the consequences?

STUDY THE BIBLE**Romans 1:18-23**

Read Aloud: Have someone read Romans 1:18-23.

Discussion: What does Paul say people do with the truth about God?

How does this passage connect worship and thinking?

Why is idolatry such a serious issue in these verses?

Romans 1:24-27

Read Aloud: Have someone read Romans 1:24-27.

Discussion: What repeated phrase helps explain God's judgment in these verses?

How does sin move from the heart into lived experience?

Why is this passage difficult but important for the church to read honestly?

Romans 1:28-32

Read Aloud: Have someone read aloud Romans 1:28-32.

Discussion: What does Paul show about the spread of sin in these verses?

Which part of this section most challenges easy moral comparison?

Where in life might you tend to not "acknowledge God"?

CONNECT TO CHRIST (APPLY GOD'S WORD)

Discussion: How does our passage this week point to Jesus?

Application: Choose one of the following ways to apply the study to your life this week:

Ask God to expose one substitute worship pattern in your life, whether comfort, approval, control, or pleasure, and turn from it this week.

Refuse both self righteousness and self excuse by confessing sin honestly and receiving God's grace with gratitude.

Pray for a deeper compassion for people trapped in deception, remembering that the gospel is good news for sinners, not a reward for the deserving.

PRAYER TIME