

BUILT ON TRUTH

Week 3 – Devoted to Truth (Acts 2:42)

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CORE SHIFT : We're moving from "truth transforms me" to "truth defines us."

1. THE EARLY CHURCH WAS BUILT ON THE WORD OF TRUTH AND LED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

"42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer" (Acts 2:42 NLT).

"13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future" (John 16:13 NLT).

2. The early church was DEFINED by THE RESURRECTION.

"16 And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. 18 In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! 19 And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

20 But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. 21 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. 22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

23 But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back" (1 Corinthians 15:16-23 NLT).

3. THE EARLY CHURCH LIVED FROM ETERNITY!

“A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need” (Acts 2: 43-45 NLT).

“They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved” (Acts 2: 46-47 NLT)

OHANA GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be “built on truth”? What are some things people sometimes build their lives on instead of truth?
2. Why is it important to have both the Word (the Bible) and the Spirit in our lives? What can happen if we only focus on one and not the other?
3. How does knowing that Jesus is alive (the resurrection) give us hope today? Can you think of a time you needed that kind of hope?
4. What does it mean to “live with the end in mind”? How would your choices change if you remembered that Jesus wins in the end?