

GREAT EXPECTATIONS... TOGETHER

SERIES THEME: We can do this together ... in Christ!

TODAY'S THEME: We can have great expectations together as the Church Body simply because God is a great God

TODAY'S TEXT: Acts 2:32-47

8 Great Expectations of the Early Church ... and of us today!

I. EXPECTATION: GOD CAN DO _____! • Acts 2:32

> Early Christians were witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

II. EXPECTATION: GOD'S _____ LIVES WITHIN HIS FOLLOWERS! • Acts 2:33

> Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on all the disciples.

III. EXPECTATION: _____ CAN BE _____ WITH GOD'S PRESENCE! • Acts 2:36-38

> The free gift of God is for us.

IV. EXPECTATION: GOD'S PRESENCE IS FOR YOUR _____ AND _____! • Acts 2:39

> The promise is for all who hear God's call, even those far from Him.

V. EXPECTATION: YOU CAN _____ THE _____ YOU ARE IN! • Acts 2:40

> We are surrounded by a corrupt world. Repentance and baptism are freedom.

VI. EXPECTATION: YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE _____ OF THE CHURCH! • Acts 2:42

> 4 pillars of the Church: Teaching, Fellowship, Communion, Prayer.

VII. EXPECTATION: YOU CAN SEE _____ AND _____! • Acts 2:43

> We should expect healings and miracles.

VIII. EXPECTATION: YOU ARE PART OF THE CHURCH

- _____! • Acts 2:44-47
- > The Early Church shared life ... Together.
 - _____ for the needy
 - Worshiping together
 - Joyfully _____ in homes
 - Hearts moved from _____ to love
 - Attracting the lost
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CONCLUSION:

**Kingsway Church, raise your expectations ...
God can do anything!**

~ LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS ~

OPENING DISCUSSION: What are you usually doing at 9:00am on a Saturday morning? On Sunday? During the midweek?

READ ACTS 2:14-41 (have group members take turns reading a few verses each).

- > Compare Peter and the other disciples in John 18:25-27 and 20:19 with their actions in Acts 2. Why is there such a great difference?
- > Why do you think Peter uses so many quotes from the Old Testament during his impromptu sermon?
- > What is a main point about current events that Peter wants to make clear to the people? (See Acts 2:13,17,18)
- > If the people were familiar with the recent events of Jesus' life, how might they be thinking about the rumours of the empty tomb? Why do you think Peter emphasizes the resurrection (v.24,31,32)?
- > How would you explain to someone what it means to become a Christian?
- > Reading Peter's words from v.38-40, what is required? What is promised?

DISCUSS: To repent and be baptized in Jesus' name meant to turn away from all other loyalties and affirm allegiance to Jesus. In what ways does that call still present a challenge to you?

- > After the filling of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, the expectations of the followers of Jesus were at an all-time high. In what area(s) would you like YOUR personal expectations to be higher:
 - Assurance of salvation in Christ?
 - Reliance on the Holy Spirit to speak to you and guide you?
 - Belief for salvation to come to your friends and family?
 - Trust to be able to escape from the corrupt "pull" of this world?
 - Faith to see healings and miracles?
 - Ability to better live in community with the rest of the Church body?

PRAY that each one's faith would be built up and that your group would know God in a more full and expectant manner. He can do anything - expect it!