

## Introduction

Over the past 8 years, Rock Pike has seen many things change & we've seen many people grow.

The church grew in size, produced fruit, was purged & is now going through another season of growth.

In this new season, it's my belief that GOD wants us to work on becoming "**A Biblical Church**" - collectively & individually.

Last week we began a new series called: "**A Biblical Church**"

**Matthew 16:18 ~ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

But what is "**A Biblical Church**"? How did the church get started? Who were the first members? What was its mission?

The Book of Acts is a great starting point & that's where we began last week as we journey through this series.

We looked at the first church & asked a very specific question:

***"Is Rock Pike Baptist Church a Biblical Church?"***

This is an important question if we are expecting to withstand the attacks of the enemy that come from "**the gates of hell**".

## Review

**Who wrote the book of Acts?** *Luke, the beloved physician. ~ (Colossians 4:14)*

**When was the book of Acts written?** *Approximately A.D. 60-62*

**Acts is the sequel to which Gospel?** *The Gospel of Luke*

In order for Rock Pike to be "**A Biblical Church**" we must adhere to three main keys:

**The HOLY SPIRIT must: DIRECT  
CONTROL  
EMPOWER**

## Acts 1:15-26

**What can we learn from the first church to help us become "**A Biblical Church**"?**



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## 1. COMMIT TO GATHERING

- ✝ Acts 1:15 ~ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

## 2. LEARN FROM PAST MISTAKES

- ✝ Acts 1:16 ~ Men *and* brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
- ✝ Acts 1:17 ~ For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

## 3. FULFILL YOUR CALLING

- ✝ Acts 1:20 ~ For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

## 4. GET ORGANIZED

- ✝ Acts 1:23 ~ And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

## 5. PRAY OVER DECISIONS

- ✝ Acts 1:24 ~ And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

## 6. REMAIN UNIFIED

- ✝ Acts 1:25 ~ That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.
- ✝ Acts 1:26 ~ And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

### **CONCLUSION:**

*Are you gathering regularly?  
Are you asking for GOD's guidance?  
Are you united with the body of Christ?*



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