

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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