

Church Outline

April 6th, 2024

Title: CHARTING OUR COURSE: The Right Harbor

Scripture Passage: Acts 2:42-47

Big Idea: **We will be a place of refuge by being involved with fellowship, evangelism, discipleship, and service.**

Being adopted into the Family of God through the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ, we lovingly welcome all and offer fellowship to those who seek the refuge of Christ, adding to our number as God provides the increase. (WBC Vision Statement #3)

CtW passage: Romans 15:7

Benediction: Ephesians 2:10

- I. A welcoming church is characterized by embracing the **DISCIPLINES** of God (vs. 42):
 - A. Constantly committed to His **STANDARD**
 - B. Constantly committed to His **SAINTS**.
 - C. Constantly committed to remembering Him through the Lord's **SUPPER**.
 - D. Constantly committed to **SOLICITING** His help.
- II. A welcoming church is characterized by embracing a humble **DISPOSITION** to God (vs. 43):
 - A. Committed in **SUBMISSION** to Him.
 - 1) **SCRAMMING** from temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)
 - 2) Dealing with **SIN** (1 John 1:9)
- III. A welcoming church is characterized by embracing being **DOERS** for God:
 - A. Committed to **SERVING** by:
 - 1) **SUPPORTING** one another (vss. 44-45)
 - 2) **STRENGTHENING** one another (vs. 46)
 - 3) **SHARING** the Good News to others (vs. 47)

Applications:

- 1) Be intentional with Self
 - Fearless in **SPIRITUAL** examination (2 Corinthians 13:5; Psalm 139:23-24)
- 2) Be intentional with God
 - Fearless in being **SOFTHEARTED** (Isaiah 66:2)
- 3) Be intentional with Others
 - Fearless in **SOCIAL** interactions:
 - With believers (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
 - With non-believers (Colossians 4:6-7)

Points to Ponder:

With the help of the Holy Spirit, in what ways can you grow in the following areas:

- 1) Being committed to God's Word, fellow believers, remembering Jesus through the Lord's Supper and prayer.
- 2) Having reverential fear of God that motivates you to flee from sin.
- 3) Constantly keeping short accounts with God by confessing known sin to be pure and blameless.
- 4) Developing relationships with others.
- 5) Being an encourager to other believers.
- 6) Witnessing to unbelievers.
- 7) Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior? If not, agree with God that you're a sinner and that you are placing your trust in Jesus as your Savior who paid your sin debt by dying on the cross, was buried and rose again. Today is the day of your salvation. Take refuge in Him.