**JANUARY 21, 2018 SERMON & COMMMUNITY GROUP NOTES**

1. **Our Response to the Gospel (Acts 2:37–41)**

* Supporting Scriptures: Ephesians 1:13

Observation: What are the 3 aspects of Peter’s response to the people in v. 38?

Interpretation: Discuss the meaning of the following 3 terms:

* Repentance: what is the relationship between repentance and faith?
* Baptism (in the name of Jesus Christ)
* The Gift of the Holy Spirit: how/when do we receive the Holy Spirit?

Application:

* Have you repented? Have you been baptized?
* Have you received the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit a gift in your life?

1. **The Foundation of the Church (Acts 2:42–47)**

* Supporting Scriptures: Acts 5:42; 2 Timothy 4:1-3; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-25; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:14

Observation: What are the 4 foundational elements of the church according to Acts 2:42?

Interpretation: Discuss the meaning of the following 4 terms:

* Biblical Teaching: What role did teaching have in the early church? Why is biblical teaching so important for us today?
* Fellowship: What does fellowship mean? What did fellowship look like in the Jerusalem church? What does biblical fellowship look like at Discovery today?
* Breaking of Bread: What are the 2 meanings of “*breaking of bread*”? what are the 2 sacraments/ordinances of the church?
* Prayer: What role did prayer play in the early church? Why is prayer still so important for our church today?

Application:

* Is Discovery devoted to the fourfold foundation of Acts 2:42? Which area(s) is our church strongest in? Where are we weakest?
* What about you: Are you personally devoted to the fourfold foundation of Acts 2:42? Where are you strongest and where are you weakest?
* What is the relationship between Acts 2:42 and 2:47? what is the relationship between church growth and church health? Why is this important for our church?