

SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

Read ALL of the verses below by Nov. 8th,
and receive a free drink @ A Latte Grace!

Major events in Jesus' preparatory phase of ministry:

- Jesus' Baptism _____ Mt.3:13-17; Mk.1:9-11; Lk.3:21-23
- Jesus' wilderness experience ___ Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13
- Jesus identified as Messiah ___ John 1:19-34
- Jesus calls his first disciples ___ John 1:35-51
- 1st miracle - water into wine ___ John 2:1-11
- The journey to Capernaum ___ John 2:12
- Jesus cleansed the temple ___ John 2: 13-25
- The meeting with Nicodemus ___ John 3:1-21
- Jesus & Samaritan woman ___ John 4:5-42
- 2nd miracle - boy healed _____ John 4:46-54
- Jesus rejected at Nazareth ___ Luke 4:16-31a

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November 29

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THE CHURCH sermon series
Sermon #3
Acts 2:42-47, Acts 6:1-4

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One Process pt. 1

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. - Acts 2:42*

The Priority of Dependent **Prayer** .

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. - Luke 5:16

The Priority of **Worship** .

Now they know that everything you have given me comes from You. - John 17:7

Biblical worship is exalting who God **is** ,
what He has **done** for us,
and who we are **in** Christ.

The Priority of **The Word** .

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. - Heb 4:12 [see also: 2 Tim. 3:16-17]

The Priority of **Fellowship** .

God became flesh and dwelt among us. - John 1:14
[see also: John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 4:8-9; Col. 2:2; Eph. 4:15-16; 5:2]

Next week: "The Church's Process" part 2.

Community Group Homework

For the week of November 1, 2009

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

- Share it with your group.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Except for eating & sleeping, what is the one thing you do every day, even when your on vacation?

Looking back on the 4 priorities of Jesus' life from the sermon notes, hich one is the hardest priority for you to keep?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Luke 6:12. What can you learn from this?

- When you pray, which of these are you better at...

a) *Learning the Father's heart*

b) *Listening to the Father's desires*

c) *I find it hard to pay attention when I pray*

- Do you know the next step to take in that major decision in your life right now?

2. Why is it so hard to learn, listen, or stay focused when praying?

3. The following verses from John's Gospel reveal how Jesus exalted his Father. As you read them, what is a reoccurring theme from them?

My teaching is not my own... – 5:16-18

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself He can only do what he sees his Father doing. – 5:19

By myself I can do nothing... – 5:30

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. – 6:38

I do nothing on my own... – 8:28

I have shown you many great miracles from the Father... – 10:31

For I did not speak on my own accord..., I say just what the Father has told me to say. – 12:49-50 -

For everything I have learned from my Father; I have made known to you. – 15:15

- **What is their reoccurring theme?**

3. Read Acts 2:42-47. *What was something the 1st century Church was doing, that you think was interesting or admirable?*

4. *How good is **Grace** at communicating love? In other words, if we really love people, do they know it?*

TAKING IT HOME

What could you do to help **Grace** more like the Acts 2 church?

How does this affect how you pray for **Grace**?