

Hope Chapel Guest Speaker: Evangelist Bill Jeynes

Message Summary: Christians often say that in the crazy world that we live in now, it would be so nice to return to the first century church. However, they forget that the world was crazy back then, as well. Yet the Lord prevailed back then, and He can prevail today.

BEYOND THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH
Acts 5:1-20; 6:5-11; and Acts 12:1-7

1. Powerfully Anointed, But Opposed by the Jealous - Act 5:12-20

2. Full of Faith & the Holy Spirit - Acts 6:5-11

3. Victory Even in the Worst of Circumstances - Acts 12:1-7

LifeGroup Questions:

BEGIN IT – (5min) Praise song and opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) If you change one trait about the “contemporary church (at large)” to be more like the first century church, what would it be? Why?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday’s sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Pastor Bill quoted, “Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy (Proverbs 27:4). Why does Scripture make this statement?”
2. Pastor Bill shared that because the world around us is so crazy, people want to go back to the first century church. However, he notes that the world was crazy back then too. Yet, even in the midst of that, God worked a tremendous revival in the first century. How does this encourage you?
3. Part 3 is entitled, “Victory Even in the Worst of Circumstances.” When has the Lord given you “victory even in the worst of circumstances?”

APPLY IT- (15min) When you get discouraged about how crazy the world is, what steps are you going to take in your mind, heart, and actions to overcome?