

Making a Difference While Making Disciples THE POTENTIAL OF THE CHURCH

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”
Acts 17:6 [KJV]

POINT: God has placed into the life of every Christian and thereby every Church the potential to _____ the world.

1. To _____ lives – Romans 1:16 – personal arena

2. To turn the world upside down – Acts 17:6 – global arena

3. To _____ over hell – Matthew 16:18 – cosmic arena

RESPONSE - (Be “doers” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

Scripture Texts

Acts 2:36-41

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:47 / 4:4 / 5:14 / 6:1,7 / 9:31,35,42 / 11:21,24 / 14:1,21 / 16:5 / 17:4,12,34

Romans 1:16

¹⁶ I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Acts 17:6

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

Matthew 16:15-19

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” ¹