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As we think about a new year and new resolutions, what if – this year, 2016 – every worshiper at Christ Church resolved to become a truly devoted follower of Christ? What if every devoted follower at Christ Church resolved to proactively seek God’s Kingdom above everything else in 2016? What would our families, communities, and workplaces look like this time next year? Who do you know needs to be saved?

Perhaps if we could see the positive effects of life transformation taking place around us, and the Kingdom of God gaining ground and the kingdom of darkness losing ground—we might be more motivated to live for Jesus instead of ourselves. The Gospel message *is* the power of Christ already at work in the world. His mission is worth living in 2016 because many more people need to be saved (2 Peter 3:9,15).

Read Acts 2:14-41

Notice the Gospel Message is capsuled in vv22-24 and vv32-33 – these words of Peter at Pentecost are worth memorizing for your own edification and equipping.

God says, “In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and you old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants – men and women alike – and they will prophesy” (vv17-18). We are called to speak truth.

1. God’s call and the outpouring of His Spirit is upon all believers, including you. If you have accepted Christ into your heart you are called to share your faith with those around you. Do you sense the outpouring of God’s Spirit upon you? If so, how can you live the Gospel with even more fervor this year? If not, are willing to pray for that and start making a difference for Jesus?

Are you willing to empty you of *you* in 2016 – perhaps less preoccupied with the things of this world – so that God’s Holy Spirit can fill your life? In the space below, name at least one area of worldliness you are willing to pour out to the Lord so that more of His Holy Spirit can pour through you.

As Peter preached, many hearts were convicted (v37). As we begin to understand God’s truth by studying His Word, worshiping together, and praying – we too will be convicted to go in God’s direction. Peter’s words are for us: “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (v38).

God knows the struggles you have and the array of challenges you face daily. But as a Christ-follower, you have a commission to keep. The mission of every devoted follower of Christ is to actively *live* the Good News. If we ask, He will help us, even amidst day-to-day challenges, to put our best energies into the Kingdom of Christ—loving, serving, and witnessing to others in the name of Jesus. What will you be about in 2016? What is the eternal salvation of others worth to you?

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