



# SOLID GROUND

## Part One

### Acts 2:29-47

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the solid ground of our faith.**

*If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like His teaching but whether or not He rose from the dead.*

Tim Keller

*But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is not resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*

Acts 2:32-33

**I build my faith on solid ground and the four pillars of biblical community.**

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

Acts 2:42

**Four pillars of Biblical Community: Bible Reading, Gathering, Connection, and Prayer**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**I will build my faith by gathering in community to learn about Jesus through reading and applying scripture.**

**Learning the truth of scripture points me to Jesus, teaches me how to live in my new life, and equips me to share His truth with others.**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

Psalms 119:105

*I've experienced His presence in the deepest darkest hell that men can create. I have tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me, you can count on them.*

Corrie Ten Boom

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.*

Colossians 3:16



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**Accepting, challenging, and encouraging one another builds our faith as we regularly gather.**

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 1:24-25

**Gathering with other believers allows us to experience God in our midst.**

*No matter how goofy or insignificant your church or gathering may seem, fellowship in that body of believers is fellowship with God.*

Kevin DeYoung

*For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.*

Matthew 18:20

**As we gather with others around the Word of God we will build our faith and deepen our reliance upon Jesus.**



### TEACHING SUMMARY:

When the tallest buildings in the world are being built the foundation looks a lot different than that of our homes. Often times the foundations, in order to be solid, have to go very deep, many 85 meters or more, in order to withstand high winds and other natural disasters.

As we build our faith it of highest importance to think about our foundation as well. What is your faith built upon? Is the foundation deep enough? Will the storms of life rock your faith?

The only true foundation is Jesus and his resurrection. Are you secure in your foundation? Do you believe that Jesus was raised from the dead? Do you believe that there is no other true foundation?

If you aren't building from a secure foundation your faith will sink but that doesn't have to happen. Trust in Jesus and see what He can do in and through you as you build your faith upon Him.

### TALK IT OVER:

Which of the 4 pillars of biblical community stood out to you? Why?

If you are not in that type of community what is keeping you from taking that step?

How do you feel about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection being the only true solid ground of our faith?

What is one next step you can take today?

### FURTHER READING:

Day 1: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Day 2: Luke 1:1-4

Day 3: Hebrews 10:19-25

Day 4: John 14:23-27

Day 5: Matthew 6:9-10

Day 6: Proverbs 3:5; Hebrews 13:5