Roadmap to the New You in the New Year

Acts 2:37-47

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "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 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."

⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

I. Salvation by Faith is a Change in Direction that is Best Understood as Conversion.

- A. Conversion begins with a change of mind about who Jesus is & our sin guilt before God. It should result in a changed life.
- B. We are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus.
- C. Baptism portrays our conversion.



II. God's Desire is that you Become More Like Jesus. **Discipleship** is the **Roadmap** to a New You.

- A. Disciples gather for worship.
- B. Disciples grow by learning & doing what Jesus taught & did.
- C. Disciples *go* and to serve others both inside and outside the church.

III. Determine to Live as a Disciple in 2024 and Experience the Miracle of Life Change.

- A. Make *Gathering* for worship a priority in 2024.
- B. Determine to **Grow**—join a Sunday growth group or other Bible study. Read through the New Testament this year. Five chapters a week for 52 weeks takes you through the New Testament. Or use Our Daily Bread devotional.
- C. Decide to **Go**—find a place to serve God and others either inside or outside the church.