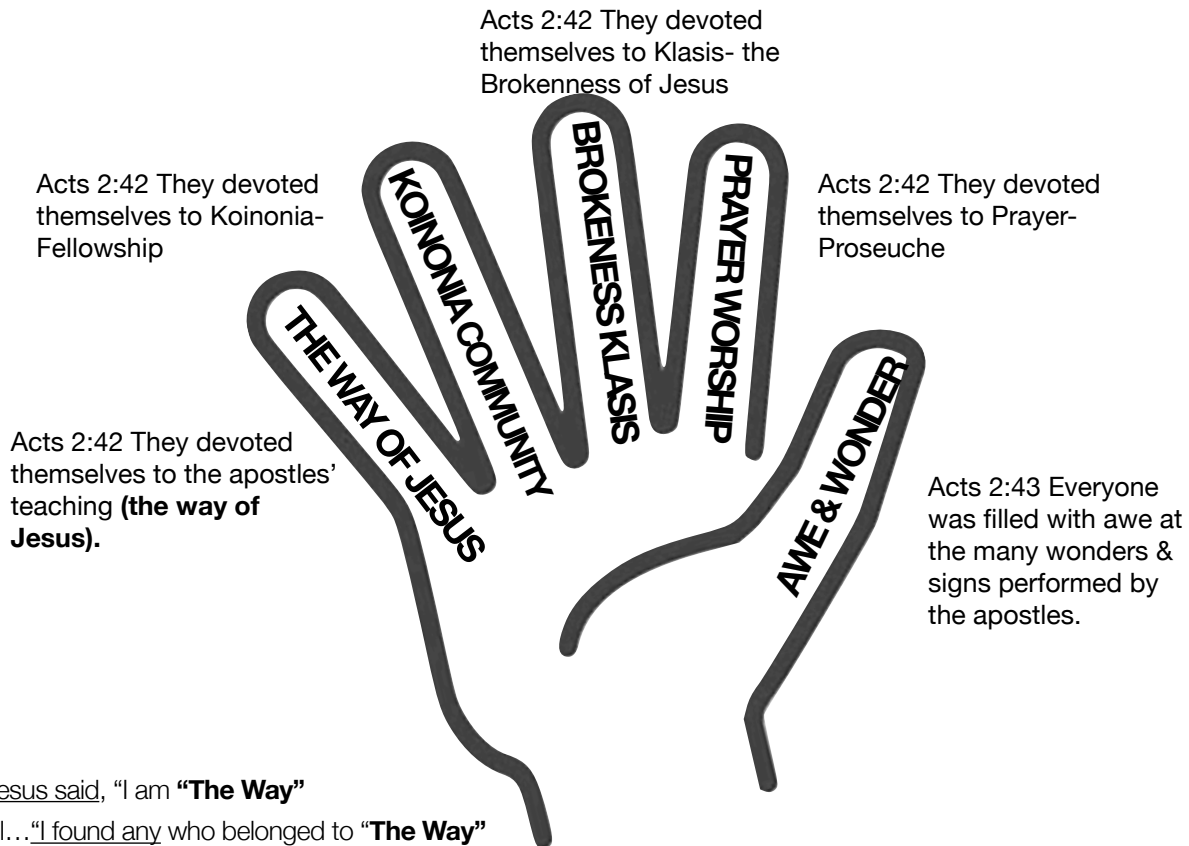


How Can We Make The Way of Jesus Our Central Focus?

1

Embrace the Commission- We are to Co-Mission with Jesus on “The Way”



John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am **“The Way”**”

Acts 9:2 Paul... “I found any who belonged to **“The Way”**”

Acts 22:4 Paul... “I persecuted the followers of **“The Way”** to their death, arresting both men & women & throwing them in prison”

Acts 24:14 Paul... “I am a follower of **“The Way”**”, which they call a sect.”

Acts 19:9 “They refused to believe and publicly maligned **“The Way.”**”

Acts 19:23 “There arose a great disturbance about **“The Way”**”

Acts 24:22 “The Roman ruler was well acquainted with **“The Way”**”.

Acts 18:26 “They invited him to their home and explained to him **“The way”** more adequately.

Hebrews 10:19- 20 “Enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by **“The new and living Way”**”

2

Change What You Care About- Jesus is “The Way”- Align to Him

Questions to
Prepare for
Discussion

- How Will You Become More of A Disciple of “The Way” of Jesus ?
- How Much of your Journey has been about learning “The Way of Jesus”?

Acts 2:44-47 All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being sozo/healed-delivered-saved.

See how many answers you get correctly below without reading the passage before your cohort meeting. See how you do. Next give answers based on typical church answers and then compare them to the answers Jesus gives us. How familiar has the US church been with “The Kingdom way” of Jesus? How familiar are you with “The Way”?

Read Matt 13:24-30

Jesus Identifies the Characters who impact “The Way”

Church Answers

Correct Jesus’ Answers

1. The Sower is:
2. The Field is:
3. The Good Seed are:
4. The Weeds are:
5. The Enemy is:
6. The Harvest is:
7. The Reapers are:

You probably answered the above because you have been disciplined by the American church to have church answers. How different are American church answers from Jesus’ Way?

Read Matt 13:36-43

Try to Identify The Characters who Impact “The Way”

Try to get the right answer before looking at the passage
How close did you get to the answers Jesus gave?

Elements that Impact “The Way” The Parable Explained Matt 13:36-43

Jesus is the Sower— We are sown(by Jesus) in a Field we are to identify the discipleable & grow
—Jesus sows good spiritual Seed (us) and plans for us to multiply— There are weeds that attempt to stop Kingdom germination— There is a real Enemy— There is a Harvest —
There are Reapers who take away the wheat from the chaff—



Identify The Disciple-able- Invest in those who desire to follow “The Way” of Jesus

You!! are the Seed not the Sower!!
How has this confusion impacted the American Church ?



Intensifying Multiplication- Disciples Who Reproduce the “Way of Jesus”

You are not to sow seed — You are the seed Jesus has sown—Go find the discipleable & reproduce
How has this confusion impacted the American Church ?

Jesus’ Answers — To “The Way” of the Kingdom

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| 1.The Sower is: The Son of Man | 2.The Field is: The World/Cosmos | 3. The Good Seed are: Sons/Daughters of the Kingdom |
| 4.The Weeds are: Sons/Daughters of the Evil One | 5. The Enemy is: The Devil | 6. The Harvest is: The End of the Church Age |
| 7.The Reapers are: The Angels | | |

“The Way” of the Kingdom Parable



1 Sower is:
The Son of Man



2 Field is:
The World/Cosmos



3 Good Seed:
Kingdom Sons/Daughters



4 Weeds:
Sons/Daughters
Of The Evil One



5 Enemy:
The Devil Satan



6 Harvest:
End of the Church Age



7 Reapers:
The Angels