

AFTERMATH

Stand Alone

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Scripture: Acts 1:21–22; 2:6–8, 13–15, 22–24, 32, 37–38; 3:13–15; 4:1, 3, 7–10, 13, 20; 5:29, 30, 32–33, 40–42

Idea: The reason for our faith in Jesus—and thus our hope—is the resurrection. We must reclaim this for the sake of the generation that left and the next generation as well.

Introduction

1. If you gave up on Christianity because of something in the Bible or something about the Bible, you may have given up unnecessarily.
2. Jesus' most devout followers never read one, because there wasn't one. For twenty-two years, we've been committed to...

Resisting things that make the church unnecessarily resistible

3. Twenty-two years ago, we embraced a new style of worship, teaching, and environments to make the setting more appealing.
4. We wanted to make church a bit less strange and detached from real life. Nine years ago, I saw something new that must be resisted to remain irresistible.
5. It had nothing to do with how we did church. It had to do with...

How we **talk** about the Bible

What we **point to** as the foundation of our faith

6. For most Christians, the Bible is the foundation of their faith. I made changes in how I preach, not what I believe.
7. We didn't announce the changes. I'm convinced it made us better and less resistible. Now, I want to talk about them.

So what did I **see**?

