



POURED OUT LIKE A DRINK OFFERING PASTOR BRAD'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

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BIBLICAL TEXT(S)

*"My life has been blessed but the blessing is not for me alone. The blessing is so I can be poured out for others. I want to be used by God that way, even as Paul wrote to Timothy."
-Pastor Brad*

MAIN TEXT(S):

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:17)

"And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?' (Acts 1:10-11)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 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 saved." (Acts 2:42-47)

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:6-7)

SUMMARY

In Pastor Brad Williams's first message at Beaverton Foursquare, he took the time to share his heart with the congregation. He shared three main things. First, he believes that Jesus is the ultimate answer to the brokenness in our world. No program, political solution, or another kind of change is capable of healing the wounds caused by sin and death on its own. Secondly, Jesus has passed the baton to the church. Through the Holy Spirit, he has given us the power to accomplish his work in our world. Lastly, we fulfill this mission of Jesus by being the delivery system of God's hope to the world around us. That's the mission that God has given his church. That's the mission Pastor Brad hopes to work toward here at Beaverton Foursquare.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you lead your group through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage and the speaker's message, helping them understand and apply the teaching.

LEAN IN

These are icebreaker/warm up questions, mostly just to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one question and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.

1. What was your first impression of Pastor Brad?
2. What example or story stood out to you in Sunday's sermon?
Why was it significant to you?
3. If you were going to change the world or fix what was broken, or bring life and hope to the people around you, what would you do?
4. What is one thing that you're looking forward to this week?
What's one that you are dreading?

LOOK DOWN

These are questions on the passage and observations about what's been read.

Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max

1. John 3:16 is one of the best-known verses in the Bible. However, many people aren't familiar with John 3:17, the next verse. What do you learn about Jesus from this verse?
2. What does John 10:10 tell us about Jesus' mission in this world? What do you learn about the mission of The Enemy?

3. Acts 1 details Jesus' ascension to heaven. What mission and promise does Jesus give his followers in verse 8? What is the disciples' initial reaction to Jesus' ascension in verse 10? Do you think the disciples were justified in this response? How do you think the disciples received the words the angels spoke to them?
4. Acts 2 tells the story of the birth of the church. How did the early church spend their time in Acts 2:42-47?
5. How does Paul describe his ministry in 2 Timothy 4:6-7? Pastor Brad said that the drink offering was someone offering a sign of God's abundance (wine) back to God as a way to give back to God what He has provided. How does this knowledge affect your understanding of this passage?

LOOK OUT

These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today.

Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max

1. How do Christians today use Jesus to condemn the world? How have you seen people or pieces of the world be saved through Jesus?
2. Do you think most Christians live life abundantly as Jesus talks about in John 10:10? Why or why not?
3. The disciples put their hope in Jesus while he was alive, felt defeated after Jesus was crucified, had their hope renewed when he was resurrected, and probably felt confused when he left them again. How do Christians go through some of the same ups and downs today? How should Jesus' promise and mission in Acts 1:8 impact how Christians live today?
4. How is the church today similar to the church as described in Acts 2:42-47? How is it different? What do you think causes those differences? How could the church today be more like how the church is described in these verses? How could our church be "a delivery system for the hope of Jesus?"
5. Do you know (or know of) someone who you could use Paul's words in 2 Timothy 4:6-7 to describe? How have their lives been poured out like a drink offering? How have they fought the good fight?

LOOK IN

These are questions that help you consider personal application.

Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max

1. How have you used Jesus/your faith to condemn the world? How could you be a part of saving the world through Jesus?
2. Do you feel like you are living an abundant life? Why or why not?
3. Which has been more common in your life: feeling hopeful in Christ, feeling disappointed/defeated, or feeling confused? Why?
4. What could you do to help your group/our church look more like the church in Acts 2? How could you be a delivery system for the hope of Christ?
5. Are you pouring your life out to God as a drink offering? How are you offering your good and abundant life back to Christ?

LIVE IT OUT

These action steps help apply this week's message to day to day life.

Choose one question and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.

1. Have you used your faith to condemn the world? Confess this to God (and maybe your group if you feel called to do so). How can your group pray for you as you seek to be a deliverer of God's hope rather than someone who condemns?

**DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS,
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2. How can your group pray for you as you seek to live an abundant life, rooted in hope in Christ?
3. What can you do this week to offer your life back to God like a drink offering? How can your group pray for you in this endeavor?

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