



I. INTRO – THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

A. How is it that we know anything about the story of Jesus today?

- The circles and rows were mobilized by this thing that today we call the church

B. The Book of Acts is a picture of Jesus building His church – The Ecclesia

Acts 2:38-39 (NLT) ³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

Acts 2:41 (NLT) ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

C. Circles and rows of ordinary people changed the world

Acts 4:13 (NLT) The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

Ordinary – Greek – Idiotas – Idiot or ignoramus

- Jesus transformed idiots and ignoramuses into extraordinary world changers

Question- How did an, uneducated, ill-equipped underfunded group of people change the world?

II. HOW DID CIRCLES AND ROWS CHANGE THE WORLD?

A. I have a couple of core beliefs

- I believe that God is interested in the world
- I believe that people want to know God
- I believe that the church is God’s plan A
- I believe the world starts here in Central MN
- I’m the branch manager of a world-wide organization whose goal is global domination!



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III. THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

A. Four things to bring Joy to the world

- **Keep getting better as a church**
- **Bless a local church**
- **Bless a pastor and wife**
- **Do something tangible for the Benton Co sheriffs**

B. We need to keep getting better as a church

- We're investing in Growth Track
- The Dream Team is the best of Circles and Rows, it's where they come together

C. This is what it looks like

- When circles and rows work together to create a place where people can experience God

D. A Joy Story

IV. CONCLUSION

A. Someone made turning to God accessible for you

B. We're going to keep working hard to get better as a church

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (MSG) ¹⁹⁻²³ Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. ... I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be *in* on it!