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SPEAK BOLDLY (PART 3)
Acts 2:14-41

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 Must Be Central In Our Worship...**

- **Because of the Word's magnitude.**
 - ▶ Remember the **significance** of God's revelation.
 - God reveals Himself **as** the Word.
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 - ▶ Remember the **seriousness** of man's proclamation.
 - The preacher **exposes** the voice of God.
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- **Because of the Word's authority.**
 - ▶ Apart from the Word, the **preacher** is helpless.
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- **Because of the Word's relevance.**
 - ▶ The Word speaks to contemporary **needs**.
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 - ▶ Why would we want to **listen to** anything else?

- **Because of the Word's purpose.**
 - ▶ God's agenda in Scripture:
 - To show us the **glory** of Christ.
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 - ▶ The focus in our worship: **good** stuff or **God's** stuff?
 When we focus on good stuff instead of God's stuff...
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 When we focus on God's stuff instead of good stuff...
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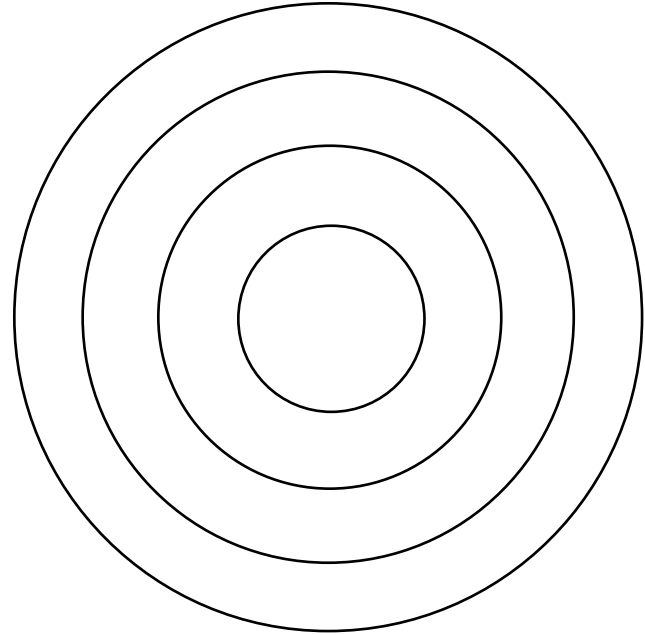
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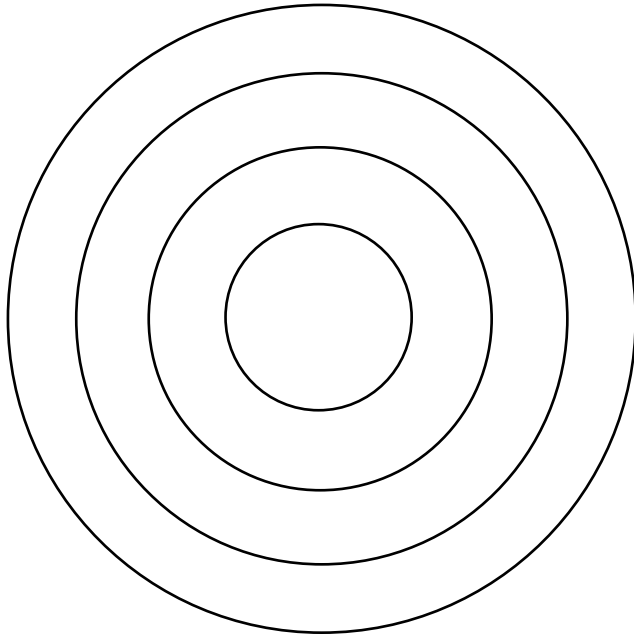
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- **Because of the Word's** _____.
- ▶ The Word awakens _____.
- Two components:
 - We realize the gravity of our _____.
 - We realize the greatness of His _____.
- One question:
 - Which _____ are we going to be sensitive to?
- ▶ The Word leads to _____.
- Two components:
 - We turn from _____.
 - We turn to _____.
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- ▶ The Word results in _____.
- Two components:
 - We are _____ by the Spirit.
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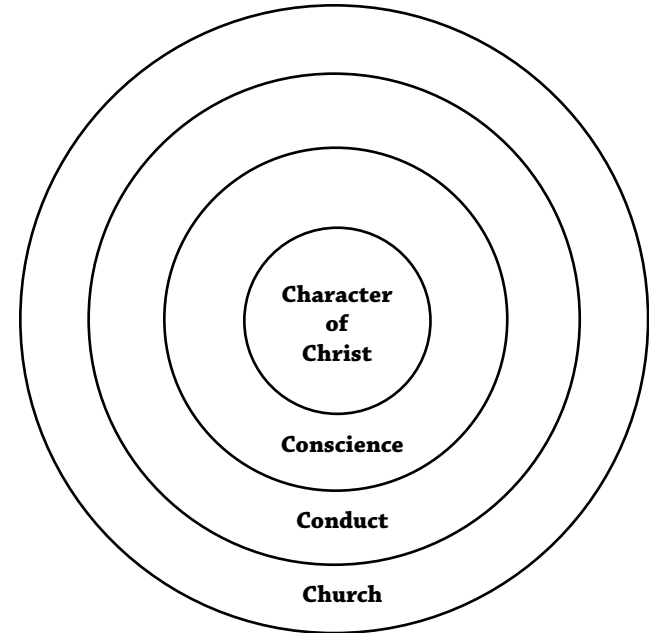
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 - ▶ The Word awakens **conviction**.
 - Two components:
 - We realize the gravity of our **need**.
 - We realize the greatness of His **provision**.
 - One question:
 - Which **seeker** are we going to be sensitive to?
 - ▶ The Word leads to **conversion**.
 - Two components:
 - We turn from **sin**.
 - We turn to **Christ**.
 - One question:
 - Will we preach a Gospel of **cheap** grace or **costly** grace?
 - ▶ The Word results in continuation.
 - Two components:
 - We are **led** by the Spirit.
 - We **long** for the Word.
 - One question:
 - Do our lives reflect **continual** evidence of a **changed** heart?

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Our effectiveness as a church is completely dependent on our **faithfulness** to God's Word.