

1) Why is church history important?

2) There was a big difference between the church in Jerusalem and the mission to the Gentiles. What was the difference?

3) What might be the downside of the church finally having a public space and opportunity within the culture it existed? What is was the upside of the church finally having a public space and opportunity within the culture it existed?

**Readings for this week:**

Acts 2:1-21

Acts 6:8-7:60

Acts 15:22-35

1 Peter 4:12-19

- 4) Based on the readings for the week:
- What happened on the day of Pentecost? and why do we refer to this as the day of the birth of the church?
  - Stephen was an important Martyr for the church. What did he do? Why did he get killed for what he did? and How was his death honored?
  - Acts 15 addresses the conflict between the church in Jerusalem and the Gentile mission. How did they finally agree to settle their differences?
  - 1 Peter insists that suffering as a christian should bring joy. Why did he say this? How do we interpret that today?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice remembering important dates in the life of your OIKOS community. Recount special remembrances, birthdays, Baptisms, holy celebrations, funerals etc. What about recounting this history for your community makes them important for you?