



God's Story: Being Sent Out

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Overview

In this session, we will explore...

- How God is missional by His very nature
- The Book of Acts – how Jesus and the Spirit works, and stories of Mission
- Mission and Life of St. Paul
- What this means for us today

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Overview

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

"And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

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Acts

“Throughout the church’s history, Acts has been called a contemporary text. In every time it speaks to the current realities of the church in the world.”

Willie James Jennings, Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible

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Acts

- **Basics:**
 - 📖 Writer: Luke
 - 🏛️ Setting: Rome (70-90ad.)
 - 👤 Audience: writing to 'Theophilus'
- **Ideas:**
 - 💬 main verse summary: Acts 1:8
 - ⬆️ Purpose: Spreading the Gospel.
 - 👁️ Things to look out for: healing, miracles, stories, church, Spirit
 - 🔑 Key to understanding: continued work of Jesus and the Spirit
- **Overview:**
 - 📖 Arc of the story: mission of the early church.
 - 🔥 Application: we are the church today!

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St Paul

- Paul (formally Saul of Tarsus)
- Met Jesus on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9)
- Life Transformed
- Writer of one third of the New Testament



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Mission

- **"Apostle"** ἀπόστολος (apóstolos), formed from the prefix ἀπό- (apó-, "from") and root στέλλω (stéllō, "I send", "I depart") and originally meaning "messenger, envoy".
- **"Mission"** (Latin. missio)
- **"Missio Dei"** – Mission of God – Karl Barth
- Mission at the **heart of who God is.**

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Action

- 🔥 Pentecost (Acts 2)
- 📢 Peter's Preach (Acts 2)
- ❤️ Saul's Conversion (Acts 9)
- 🙏 Prayer & Worship (Acts 16)

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Compassion

- 🟡 Community Sharing (Acts 2 & 4)
- 🙌 Healing & Miracles (Acts 3:1-10, Acts 14:8-10)

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Pause

Read Acts 2:42-47

What stands out to you?
Do you think this is still possible in our culture
today?
Is this how we see the church?

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Teaching

- 🔥 Peter's Sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-41)
- 🗣️ Paul's address at the Areopagus (Acts 17:22-31)

*"Ministry in the name of Jesus Christ **releases people to speak...**"*

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Spirit

- 🔥 Empowering to witness (Acts 1:8)
- 🔥 Empowered to preach (Acts 2:14-41)
- 🔥 Empowered to teach (Acts 17)
- 🔥 Empowered to heal/miracles (Acts!)
- 🔥 Unity (Acts 10:44-48)

"Almost no one is doing what they want to do. The Spirit of God is pressing every disciple to do precisely what God wants done and not what they might envision"

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Pause

What are you going to take away from this evening's session on "Being Sent Out"?



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*"To reach this growing post-Christendom society in the west will obviously take more than what we ordinarily call an evangelistic church; **it will take a missional church.** This church's worship is missional in that it makes sense to non-believers in that culture, even while it challenges and shapes Christians with the gospel. Its people are missional in that they are so **outwardly focused, so involved in addressing the needs of the local community, that the church is well-known for its compassion.** The members of a missional church also know how to contextualise the gospel, carefully challenging yet also appealing to the baseline cultural narratives of the society around them."*

Tim Keller

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Application

- 👍 Gospel – Good News (Εὐαγγελίου)
- 💡 You carry Jesus with you

Matthew 5:13-16

*“Let me tell you why you are here ... **You’re here to be light**, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”*