

What Christ Left His Church

Acts 1:1-11

I. HE LEFT AN UNFINISHED PROJECT VS. 1-2

- A. This project involves the works of Jesus vs.1
- B. This project involves the words of Jesus vs.1

II. HE LEFT AN UNCHALLENGED PROCLAMATION VS. 2b-3

- A. Consider the message proven vs.3a- “He presented Himself alive”
- B. Consider the message presented vs.2b

III. HE LEFT AN UNLIMITED POWER VS.5-8

- A. How is this power understood? Vs.5
- B. How is this power used? Vs.6-8

IV. HE LEFT AN UNCHANGING PLAN VS.8

- A. It is a comprehensive plan
- B. It is an expanding plan

V. HE LEFT AN UNFAILING PROMISE VS.9-11

- A. The hope given
- B. The instruction given

Week 1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. To what amazing event do the words “taken up” refer in verse two?**
- 2. Just prior to this event what were His instructions to His people?**
- 3. How are we empowered to accomplish this great project?**
- 4. What is our mission-field and how do we reach it?**
- 5. What promised event motivates us to be busy fulfilling this plan?**

Week 1

Devos Day 1

Acts 1:1-8

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 2

Acts 1:9-15

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3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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Devos Day 3

Acts 1:15-26

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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Devos Day 4

Matthew 28

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 5

Luke 24:36-43

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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5. What do I need to apply to my life?

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR MISSION

ACTS 2:1-21

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT ASSUMES CONTROL VS.1-2

- A. The example of His control vs.2 (He is like the “wind.”)
- B. The extent of His control vs.2- “it filled the whole house”

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES PEOPLE VS.3-4, 6-8, 11

- A. He changed their actions vs.3
- B. He changed their attitudes

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRES PROCLAMATION VS.14,22-24

- A. The man He used vs.14 “But Peter”
- B. The method He used vs.14 “raised his voice”
- C. The message He used vs.22-24
 - 1. The life of Christ vs.22
 - 2. The death of Christ vs.23
 - 3. The resurrection of Christ vs.24

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS SINNERS VS.37

- A. The aim of the Holy Spirit vs.37- “they were pierced to the heart”
- B. The achievement of the Holy Spirit- “what shall we do?”

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES GROWTH VS.41-47

- A. There was numerical growth vs.41
- B. There was spiritual growth vs.42-47

Week 2

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who were “they” in Acts 2:1?**
- 2. What “filled the house where they were sitting?”**
- 3. What does the fact that the Holy Spirit used Peter say to us?**
- 4. When we share the gospel what does the Holy Spirit do?**
- 5. What kinds of growth did they experience in Jerusalem?**

Week 2

Devos 1

Acts 2:1-13

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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Devos Day 2

Acts 2:14-21

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 3

Acts 2:22-28

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 2:29-36

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 5

Acts 2:37-41

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

THE QUEST FOR THE UNCOMMON

ACTS 2:41-47

- I. **THIS CHURCH AND ITS UNCOMMON PREACHING VS.22-24**
 - A. The emphasis of it
 - B. The effectiveness of it
- II. **THIS CHURCH AND ITS UNCOMMON PRAYING VS.42-43**
 - A. The people of prayer vs.42
 - B. The power of prayer vs.43
 - C. The priority of prayer
- III. **THIS CHURCH AND ITS UNCOMMON PEACE VS.44-46**
 - A. The people possessed a cooperative spirit vs.44
 - B. The people possessed a compassionate spirit vs.45
- IV. **THIS CHURCH AND ITS UNCOMMON PRACTICES VS.46-47**
 - A. They studied God's Word vs.42
 - B. They attended God's House vs.46a
 - C. They witnessed to the lost vs.41,47
 - D. They enjoyed great growth vs.47

Week 3

Discussion Questions

1. **What is the secret to “good” preaching?**
2. **What are the differences between the “common” church and the “uncommon” church?**
3. **What part did prayer play in the life of this church in Jerusalem?**
4. **When verse 44 says they were “together” what does that mean?**
5. **What were the daily habits of this uncommon church?**

Devos Week 3

Day 1

Acts 2:42-47

- 1. What Questions about Passage do you have?**
- 2. What does this passage tell us about God?**
- 3. What does this passage tell us about people?**
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Devos Day 2

Luke 24:1-12

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

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Devos Day 3

Luke 24:13-24

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Devos Day 4

Luke 24:25-35

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

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Devos Day 5

Luke 23:32-36

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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WHAT ABOUT THE MAN AT THE GATE?

ACTS 3:1-10

I. HE IS A CRIPPLED MAN VS.2

A. His problem vs.2a

1. He was born with it
2. He was burdened by it

B. His place vs.2b

C. His persistence vs.2 “daily”

II. HE MEETS A FAITHFUL MESSENGER

A. The personalities vs.1a- “Now Peter and John”

B. Their prayer vs.16

C. Their passion vs.4

III. HE RECEIVES A POWERFUL MIRACLE VS.7-10

A. The dynamic used vs.7

B. The difference made vs.8-10

1. The difference in the man
2. The difference in the multitude vs.9-10

Week 4

Discussion Questions

1. When someone ask you for a handout what do you do?
2. How do you feel about people who are homeless or less fortunate?
3. Where were Peter and John headed?
4. Why do you think the lame man wanted to be placed there every day?
5. How did the two apostles respond to this man?
6. How did the people feel about the healing of this man?

Week 4

Devos Day 1

Acts 3:1-10

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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Devos Day 2

Acts 3:11-26

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

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Devos Day 3

Acts 4:1-4

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 4:5-12

- 1. What Questions about Passage do you have?**
- 2. What does this passage tell us about God?**
- 3. What does this passage tell us about people?**
- 4. What does God want me to learn?**
- 5. What do I need to apply to my life?**

Devos Day 5

Acts 4:13-22

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

THE PART PRAYER PLAYS

ACTS 4:23-33

- I. **WHEN THE CHURCH PRAYS THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS PERCEIVED VS.31**
 - A. They were all there and praying
 - B. They were united in their prayers

- II. **WHEN THE CHURCH PRAYS THE POWER OF GOD IS RECEIVED VS.31C**
 - A. Their prayer recognizes God as Sovereign vs.24
 1. He is the Creator of all things
 2. He is the Controller of all things vs.26-27
 - B. Their prayer recognizes self as His servant vs.29

- III. **WHEN THE CHURCH PRAYS THE PURPOSE OF GOD IS ACHIEVED VS.31C-33**
 - A. The obligation to witness vs.33
 - B. The operation of this witness
 - C. The object of this witness vs.33

Week 5

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the most effective tool available for the doing of God's work?**
- 2. How was God's presence manifested on this occasion?**
- 3. How many of those people were actively involved in prayer ministry?**
- 4. After receiving God's power what did they begin to do?**
- 5. What was the message these people began to share?**
- 6. What was the result of their prayers and their witnessing?**

Week 5

Devos Day 1

Acts 4:23-31

- 1. What Questions about Passage do you have?**
- 2. What does this passage tell us about God?**
- 3. What does this passage tell us about people?**
- 4. What does God want me to learn?**
- 5. What do I need to apply to my life?**

Devos Day 2

Acts 4:32-37

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 3

Acts 5:1-32

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 5:33-42

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 5

Acts 6

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

HOW GOD BUILDS AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

ACTS 8:1-5

- I. **HE USES A SERIOUS PERSECUTION VS.1,3**
 - A. The root of it vs.1
 - B. The result of it vs.1

- II. **HE APPLIES SOME SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES VS.1C,5**
 - A. God will use available people to share the gospel vs.1c
 - B. God will use different types of people to share the gospel vs.1,5

- III. **HE FOLLOWS A SPECIFIC PLAN VS.4**
 - A. The saints are used vs.4a
 - B. The mission-field is designated vs.4b
 - C. The message is clear vs.4c

Week 6

Discussion Questions

- 1. When people refuse your invitation to receive Jesus who are they rejecting?**
- 2. How did God use the stoning of Stephen for good?**
- 3. What people does God prefer to use in sharing the gospel?**
- 4. God's mission-field includes what part of the world?**
- 5. What is the message we must proclaim?**
- 6. Does the need remain for evangelistic people and churches today?**

Week 6

Devos Day 1

Acts 7:1-16

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 2

Acts 7:17-36

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 3

Acts 7:37-60

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 8:1-13

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 5

Acts 8:14-25

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WINNING A SOUL TO JESUS

ACTS 8:26-39

- I. **THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SINNER VS.27-31**
 - A. He was a very respected man vs.27a “court official”
 - B. He was a very responsible man vs.27b- “charge of all her treasure”
 - C. He was a very religious man vs.27c
 - D. He was a very receptive man vs.31
- II. **THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE MESSENGER VS.26-35**
 - A. Philip was obedient vs.26
 1. He obeyed immediately vs.27a
 2. He obeyed exactly vs.26
 - B. Philip was observant vs.30
 - C. Philip was opportunistic vs.35
- III. **THE SHARING OF THE MESSAGE VS.32-33**
 - A. The star of Philip’s message vs.32
 - B. The subject of Philip’s message vs.32-33
- IV. **THE CONVERTING OF THE LOST VS.36-39**
 - A. Conversion is a heart experience vs.37
 - B. Conversion is a holy experience vs.38
 - C. Conversion is a happy experience vs.39

Week 7

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the primary purpose of the church?**
- 2. What kind of man was this Ethiopian?**
- 3. What characteristics did Philip exhibit that made him a great witness?**
- 4. How did Philip approach this Ethiopian man?**
- 5. What story did Philip tell that changed the Ethiopian?**
- 6. What part did baptism play in the story?**

Week 7

Devos Day 1

Acts 8:26-40

- 1. What Questions about Passage do you have?**
- 2. What does this passage tell us about God?**
- 3. What does this passage tell us about people?**
- 4. What does God want me to learn?**
- 5. What do I need to apply to my life?**

Devos Day 2

Acts 9:1-9

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 3

Acts 9:10-25

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 9:26-31

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

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Devos Day 5

Acts 9:32-43

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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5. What do I need to apply to my life?

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS

ACTS 10

- I. **THE PICTURE OF A LOST WORLD VS.1-8**
 - A. Different people vs.2
 - B. Searching people vs.3-4

- II. **THE LIMITATIONS OF A CLOSED MIND VS.9-16**
 - A. The Lord used circumstances to change him
 - B. The Lord used confrontation to change him
 1. The vision Peter had
 2. The voice Peter heard vs.15

- III. **THE OBEDIENCE OF AN OPEN MIND VS.17-23**
 - A. Peter presented a God who is impartial vs.34
 - B. Peter proclaims a gospel which is remarkable vs.36-41

- IV. **THE REWARD OF REMOVING BARRIERS VS.44-48**
 - A. The messenger does his part
 - B. The Holy Spirit does His part
 - C. The converts are baptized

Week 8

Discussion Guide

- 1. What are some of the barriers which hinder the gospel today?**
- 2. How does Cornelius represent the lost world around us?**
- 3. How did God change Peter's mind about the Gentiles?**
- 4. What must God do to change our minds about others?**
- 5. What is the evidence that barriers are broken down?**
- 6. How does God bless the breaking down of barriers?**

Week 8

Devos Day 1

Acts 10:1-16

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 2

Acts 10:17-33

- 1. What Questions about Passage do you have?**
- 2. What does this passage tell us about God?**
- 3. What does this passage tell us about people?**
- 4. What does God want me to learn?**
- 5. What do I need to apply to my life?**

Devos Day 3

Acts 10:34-43

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 10:44-48

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 5

Acts 11:1-18

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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5. What do I need to apply to my life?

COMMITTED TO THE COMMISSION

ACTS 11:19-30

I. A COMMITMENT TO EVANGELIZE VS.19-21

- A. The scattering of the people vs.19
- B. The scope of their preaching vs.20
- C. The source of their power vs.21
- D. The success of their project vs.21b

II. A COMMITMENT TO EQUIP VS.22-25

- A. They needed teachers vs.22,25-26
- B. They made disciples vs.26c

III. A COMMITMENT TO EXPAND VS.26-30

- A. Their vision vs.27-28
- B. Their action vs.29-30

Week 9

Discussion Questions

- 1. What does the Great Commission ask of us?**
- 2. How did this church begin to fulfill the Great Commission?**
- 3. What were their boundaries geographically and culturally?**
- 4. What was the evidence of their success in fulfilling their mission?**
- 5. What did they do after people were converted to Christ?**
- 6. What part did vision play in their efforts?**

Week 9

Devos Day 1

Acts 11:19-30

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 2

Acts 12:1-19

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 3

Acts 12:20-25

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

4. What does God want me to learn?

5. What do I need to apply to my life?

Devos Day 4

Acts 13:1-12

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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Devos Day 5

Acts 13:13-41

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Week 10

CONFRONTING THE CULTURE FOR CHRIST

ACTS 13

I. THE REALITY OF THE DISCOURAGED SERVANT VS.13

- A. John Mark may have been homesick
- B. John Mark may have had some resentment toward Paul
- C. John Mark may have had some theological disagreement with Paul
- D. John Mark may have underestimated the difficulty of the trip
- E. John Mark may have witnessed the physical condition of Paul and been discouraged

II. THE REALITY OF THE OPEN DOOR VS.14-15

- A. This open door represents opportunity vs.14
- B. This open door represents responsibility vs.16-37
 - 1. He laid a Biblical foundation vs.16-25
 - 2. He presented the Gospel vs.26-37
- C. This open door represents accountability

III. THE REALITY OF THE MIXED RESPONSE VS.42-52

- A. Some will respond positively vs.42-44; 48-49
- B. Some will respond negatively vs.45, 50-51

Week 10

Discussion Questions

- 1. What teaching of Jesus reminds us of our responsibility to change the world?**
- 2. What happened to John Mark and is that a common occurrence?**
- 3. The open door before Paul brought with it what?**
- 4. What was the message Paul used to confront the culture?**
- 5. How did the people respond?**

Week 10

Devos Day 1

Acts 13:42-52

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Devos Day 2

Acts 14:1-7

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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Devos Day 3

Acts 14:8-20

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

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Devos Day 4

Acts 14:21-28

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

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Devos Day 5

Acts 15:1-21

1. What Questions about Passage do you have?

2. What does this passage tell us about God?

3. What does this passage tell us about people?

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5. What do I need to apply to my life?