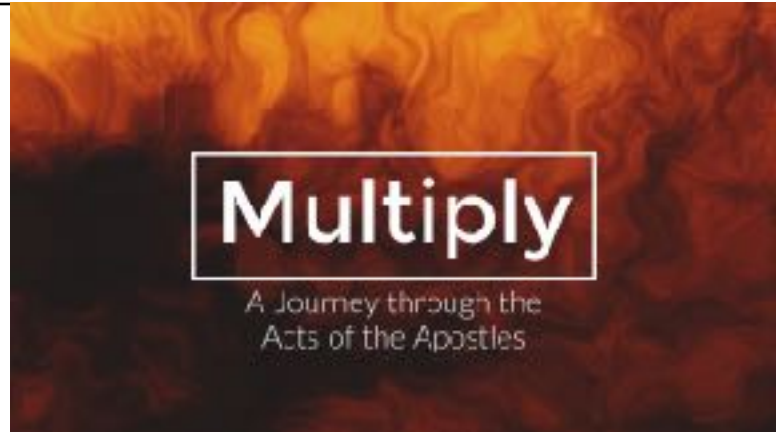

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Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about the first three books of the book of Acts.

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because God often offers us something different - and better - than we expect.

What is the good news?

The good news is the Holy Spirit is still at work in our lives today.

What are the next action steps?

You are invited to invite the power of the Holy Spirit to be at work in your life.

What is the context of this sermon?

This is the first sermon in a series on the Acts of the Apostles.

Metadata

Topics

- Change Lives
- Make Disciples
- Share
- Share Christ

3rd Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
Multiply - A Journey through the Acts of the Apostles
Jesus' Witnesses
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Sermon Audio

9 a.m. Worship

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Introduction

Acts 4:1-8, CEB

⁴While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He said, "This is what you heard from me: ⁵John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

⁷Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.



Opening Story

[Text here]

Transition

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Chapter 1

Note to Theophilus

Theophilus means Friend of God, loved by God
Two-part book including the gospel according to Luke

Invitation for Reflection: Who would you address as a friend of God?

The risen Jesus with his disciples

Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit

Invitation for Reflection: Have you ever had to wait for something? Then, you finally have to ask?

Disciples ask if Jesus is going to restore the kingdom to Israel. Jesus says, "No."
Instead, Jesus promises the power of the Holy Spirit and they will be his witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Invitation for Reflection: Have you ever been offered more than you could have expected?

Example: Shelly Elementary School May Day Baskets

Jesus' Followers in Jerusalem

Jesus ascends to heaven
All were united in their devotion to prayer

Invitation for Reflection: What unites us?

A replacement for Judas

The church is about 120 people
They determined that it would be someone who has been with them from the beginning.

Chapter 2

Pentecost

The church is born
Peter explains
Not drunk, fulfillment of prophecy
The church added 3,000 people

Healing of a crippled man

Peter said, "I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!"

Peter explains and invites people to change their hearts and lives

The church is about 5,000 people

Conclusion

Community of Believers

They were devoted to:

- Apostles' teaching
- Community
- Shared meal
- Prayer

Good News

Call to Action

Invitation to Survey

How did they behave together?

How do we behave together?

Hand Out and Explain Survey

Take time to hand out the survey

Invitation

Closing Prayer

Jesus, I am sorry for all the times in my life when I mess up.

And if anything comes to mind, ask God's forgiveness.

Forgive me of my sin and all that I know is wrong.

Thank you that you died on the cross and rose for me.

I trust you with my life.

Help me receive your forgiveness.

Please fill me with your Spirit and help me to follow you.

In your holy name, Amen.