

“Refocus”
Selected Scriptures From The Book Of Acts
Sermon Series: “Reset”

Introduction:

- What's the mission and how do churches miss it? (attendance, social ministry, service, worship, teaching, families/personalities, buildings, evangelism, etc.)
- Be a book of Acts church (Billy Graham illustration)
- Acts 29
- People's rejection of and indifference toward the church vs. what it's really supposed to be and it's power and beauty

Main Idea: Let's refocus our attention and efforts on fulfilling our mission.

1. Our mission is given by the Lord Jesus Himself (Acts 1:4-8).

- He is the risen Lord so He is our commander-in-chief, but His resurrection gives the reason and power to live out this mission.
- Who gives us a mission affects our motivation to carry it out

2. Our mission is to be witnesses to Jesus and make disciples of all the nations (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:16-20).

- The Church is the Missionary.
- Explain the Great Commission (not consecutive but simultaneous) and relate it to our mission, which is,
Personal evangelism and discipleship, serving our community, church planting locally, sending people out into ministry, Honduras, Uganda, UPG

3. Our mission is empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, 4:31, 13:1-4).

4. Our mission is fueled by prayer (Acts 1:14; 4:23-24, 31).

- Prayer gatherings for revival, spiritual awakening, missions on Tuesdays at 7 AM and Wednesdays at noon beginning August 24th

5. Our mission is centered in the proclamation of the gospel one on one and to large groups (Acts 2:14-38, 3:11-26, 4:5-12, 7:1-53, 8:5-8, 8:26-40, 9:20-22, 10:34-48, 11:19-26, 13:4-12, 13:13-41, 13:42-51, 14:1-7, 14:21, 16:10-15, 16:25-34, 17:1-4, 17:10-15, 17:16-34, 18:1-17, 19:1-10, 22:1-21, 24:10-21, 26:1-32, 28:30-31).

- At least 25 passages in Acts modeling this.
- Personal evangelism
- Steve Paysen weekend

6. Our mission is the responsibility of every believer (Acts 8:1-4, 11:19-21).

-Who's Your One?

-We are disciples who make other disciples.

-Our vocation is our ministry and mission field.

7. Our mission is rooted and grounded in the health of the local church (Acts 2:40-47).

-Talk about small groups and other areas of ministry and how we need each other and how what we do inside and outside of True Life needs to work in concert together

8. Our mission is about multiplication instead of addition (Acts 6:1-7, 9:31).

9. Our mission results in the planting of healthy, New Testament churches.

We see this in Acts 11 when the disciples were scattered by persecution. As they went, they shared Jesus with people. Many people were saved at Antioch so the church in Jerusalem dispatched Barnabas, who also took Paul, and they taught the people for a year. They developed into a church because Acts 11:26 and 13:1 call them a "church."

Then, the leaders of this new church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, sent Paul and Barnabas out on the 1st Missionary Journey where they proclaimed the gospel, disciplined the converts, established leaders, and ultimately, planted churches in cities including Lystra, Iconium, Antioch (14:21-23), Galatia (16:6), Philippi (16:9-15), Thessalonica (17:1-4), Corinth (18:1-11), and Ephesus (19:1-10). **Why put money into church planting? We are not a New Testament church without doing it.**

10. Our mission is worthy of us fully giving our lives to it (Acts 20:22-24).