



LOCAL IMPACT SUNDAY

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TO THE HARVEST







We were created to be part of
something significant.

Jesus-

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

-Acts 1:8

Acts 1:1-8 ultimately calls a church to be mission-oriented, Spirit-dependent, kingdom-focused, and unified in pursuing God's global purposes.

Also, this text serves as a blueprint for the church's identity, empowerment, and direction in fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission.

Good News: Our chapter in
God's redemption story.

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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Observations from the text:

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The Church is built on
the person of Jesus Christ.

Observations from the text:

The Church's message
is the Kingdom of God.

Observations from the text:

The Church's power
is given by the Holy Spirit.

Observations from the text:

The Church takes the message of Jesus to their neighbors and to the nations and everyone in between.



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“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”

-Luke 24:7

Implications of the text:

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Good News: We live at a
pinnacle time
of redemptive history!

Implications of the text:



The
Fall

The
Call

The
Trip

The
Nation



The
Power

**The
People**

The
Return



"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and **then** the end will come."

-Matthew 24:14

“It’s not so much that God has a mission for His church as He has a church for His mission. Mission was not made for the church, but the church for His mission in the world.”

– Christopher Wright

Implications of the text:

Good News: You were gifted
and created to
play a part God's mission
in the world.

Implications of the text:

Good News: God uses ordinary people in ordinary circumstances to accomplish his extraordinary plan.



“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, **ordinary men**, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

-Acts 4:13

Implications of the text:

Good News: The same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus, empowers us.

Implications of the text:

Good News: In the kingdom
waiting is never wasted time.

Implications of the text:

Good News: God's grand works start off with small beginnings.

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