

X multiply :: acts 6 | 7 February 2016

summary

author	Luke: Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2
date	~62AD (although could be as late as 70AD)
key verse	<i>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8</i>
Acts 1	Jesus commissions the church to be witnesses in the world.
Acts 2	The Holy Spirit empowers the believers.
Acts 3	God's power heals.
Acts 4	Peter & John thrown in jail. The church prays "Lord, consider the threats and enable us to speak your word with great boldness."
Acts 5	Don't lie to God. Healings. Persecution.

Thinking & talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to get you started.

Reflection Questions

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- What are the chain of good news events that make up the gospel?
- How would you describe the kingdom of God?

Read Acts 6

- What is the issue that arises?
- What was the proposed solution?
- How did they come to that solution?
- Who was Stephen?
- What is his role?
- Where did opposition arise from?
- What was the issue that gave rise to opposition?

Thinking a little deeper

- How do you respond to Ed Stetzer's statement:
"It is not that God has a mission for his church, it is that God has a church for his mission"?
- Why can't you honestly say:
"I love Jesus, but I hate the church"?
- Pastor Mike suggested that, from this passage, there are 3 marks of a multiplying church:
 1. **Cares** for the vulnerable
 2. **Reaches** the unconnected
 3. **Empowers** her leaders
- How do you, as apart of OCC, live this out?