



JOURNEY WAYPOINTS

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A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

This Week's Big Idea:

The natural outgrowth of transformative discipleship is missionary movement.

Scripture and Study:

KEY TEXT: Mark 3:14-15, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:42-43,47, 2 Cor. 5:17-18 [Click here to access this week's scripture](#)

Jesus teaches us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done – on earth as it is in heaven." From creation's beginning, God's goal has been for His goodness and glory to fill all things, making His kingdom—His ways, peace, and righteousness—as real on earth as in heaven. This call to prayer is also a call to action - the very ones who pray are the ones who God desires to use to bring about the fulfillment of their prayer!

Jesus called unlikely disciples from society's edges into transformative discipleship. As Mark 3:14-15 says, He appointed them "that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach..." This invitation meant full surrender to Jesus as Lord, turning misfits into empowered kingdom agents. Through fellowship with Him, they became a joyful, miracle-working community that changed the world. True discipleship naturally leads to missionary movement, commissioning believers to extend God's reign.

This unfolds in Acts. In Acts 1:8, Jesus instructs His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." This wasn't just about sharing love; it called for demonstrating the kingdom through healings, signs, and deliverance. Pentecost's Spirit empowered them, transforming Jesus followers into global ambassadors.

In Acts 2:42-43,47, the church grew through four elements: devotion to apostles' teaching (Scripture), fellowship in worship and meals, breaking bread, and prayer. This created awe, wonders, and daily salvations. And, in this setting, every new believer was being equipped for the ministry of reconciliation that all follower of Jesus have! (Ephesians 4:11-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

The Spirit empowers everyone who follows Jesus to live as missionaries in daily life—wherever we may be. Encountering Jesus starts the sending; we say "yes" to the Spirit and obey. A lost world needs God's kingdom revealed, and Jesus works through His church—transformed missionaries to advance His mission.

Discussion Questions:

- What does transformative discipleship leading to missionary movement look like in your life? How has Jesus changed you to share His kingdom?
- How does the Holy Spirit's power in Acts 1:8 turn personal growth into mission? What does relying on the Spirit mean for your witnessing?
- How do Acts 2's components (teaching, fellowship, meals, prayer) equip believers for mission?

Apply It:

- Reflect: Journal a transformation from following Jesus, like fear to boldness. How did it influence others? For a "stuck" area, how could seeing yourself as sent help?
- Pray: Thank God for His kingdom call and Spirit's power. Seek fresh filling for bold actions. Pray for mission opportunities and the lost.
- Act: In one daily sphere, take a mission step—like sharing a testimony or inviting someone to community.