

VIRAL

HOW THE GOSPEL SPREAD THEN AND NOW

Pastor Lance Ainsworth
Acts 1:9-26

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, Aug 7
Sunday, Aug 10

Introduction

notes

John 14:16-17 ESV

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot received, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with (para) you and will be in (en) you.

Acts 1:8 Esv

"⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon (epi) you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Holy Spirit is with us to convict us of sin.
The Holy Spirit is in us to sanctify and guide us in truth.

The Holy Spirit is upon us to be a witness.

Acts 1:9-26 (ESV)

⁹And when he had said these things, as they were in looking on, and he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Jesus' ascension confirms His home, His fulfillment of prophecy, and His victory.

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John

and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and the Mary of the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

One accord- homothymadon- one mind/ purpose/passion- mentioned 10 times in the book of Acts

A unified church can heal a broken world.

²⁰"For it is written in the book of Psalms, may his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and let another take office.'

²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord who know the hearts of all show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

God's revealed will and concealed will.

God's revealed will keeps us in God's perfect will.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Viral: How the Gospel Spread Then and Now.

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth, Acts 1:9-26

August 7th & 10th, 2025

One Accord.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite concert you have been to?

Read Aloud: Acts 1:9-26

1. Why is unity in prayer so important? What keeps us from unity?
2. Why did the apostolic number of 12 need to be restored? What relevance does that have to our lives?
3. How did Peter base his decision to proceed with choosing a 12 th apostle? Why did the 12th apostle need to be someone who had seen Jesus' baptism and resurrection?
4. What is the difference between God's revealed will and concealed will? Where do you need guidance from the Holy Spirit for God's concealed will?