



Roots: Recovering our Calling

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1. In Acts 1:4, Jesus tells the disciples, “do not leave Jerusalem.” Then in Acts 1:8, He tells them that they will be His witnesses where?
2. How many years passed between Acts 1 and Acts 8?
3. How did God use the persecution of the church to further His Kingdom?
4. Share a time you received a “Holy Nudge.”
 - a. What were you waiting for?
 - b. Would you have moved without the nudge?
5. Pastor Andrew spoke of two different kinds of persecution. One is the kind that has no benefits. (Boulder on your chest.) The second is the pressure that produces something positive.
 - a. When have you felt the first kind of persecution?
 - b. Did God still redeem the experience?
 - c. When have you felt the second kind of persecution?
 - d. In today’s America what is NOT persecution that we think is persecution?
6. What is your first response to facing difficulties?
7. Pastor Andrew stated, “God will allow difficulty to reveal in you all He has for you.”
 - a. Share a time God used difficulty to reveal Himself TO you.
 - b. Share a time God used difficulty to reveal Himself IN you.
8. “God will never give you more than you can handle.”
 - a. True or false?
 - b. Whose strength does this depend on?
9. People watch Christ-followers to see how we handle difficulty. If we say we believe God is in control of everything, what should our first response be to the unexpected?
10. What is the difference between God “causing” everything and God “allowing” everything?
11. What are some things God might want to produce IN/FOR you through difficulty?
12. Trusting God is about not knowing the “why” of every difficulty.
 - a. How do you respond when the “why” isn’t obvious?
 - b. What should our response be?