

An Acts
Series

CHURCH ON THE MOVE

Take Home Thought:
People changed by the gospel share the
gospel

1. Gospel Advancement

¹And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus

Acts 4:1-7

the resurrection from the dead.

³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day,

for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of

Acts 4:1-7

the men came to about five
thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and
elders and scribes gathered
together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas
the high priest and Caiaphas and

Acts 4:1-7

John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

Acts 4:1-7

⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.

Matthew 26:58

2. Gospel Proclaimed

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been

Acts 4:8-12

healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of
you and to all the people of Israel
that by the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth, whom you crucified,
whom God raised from the dead—
by him this man is standing before

Acts 4:8-12

you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among

Acts 4:8-12

men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:4,11

Acts 4:8

Acts 4:31

Acts 9:17,20

Acts 13:9

¹¹And when they bring you before
the synagogues and the rulers and
the authorities, do not be anxious
about how you should defend
yourself or what you should say,
¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in
Luke 12:11-12

that very hour what you ought to
say.”

Luke 12:11-12

Self Reliance
Vs
Relying on the Spirit

Gospel Proclamation

Acts 2:14-36

Acts 17:22-31

Acts 22 Paul's Testimony

1-5 Life before Jesus

6-16 How I met Jesus

17-21 Following Jesus

3. Gospel Opposition

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴But

Acts 4:13-18

seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another,¹⁶ saying, “What
Acts 4:13-18

shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But in order that it may spread no further

Acts 4:13-18

among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:13-18

¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

⁴⁴No one can come to me unless
the Father who sent me draws him.
And I will raise him up on the last
day.

John 6:44

³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38

⁴⁸And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 13:48

³⁵Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'?
Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes,
and see that the fields are white for
harvest.

John 4:35

4. Gospel Instruments

¹⁹But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” ²¹And when

Acts 4:19-22

they had further threatened them,
they let them go, finding no way to
punish them, because of the
people, for all were praising God for
what had happened. ²²For the man
on whom this sign of healing was

Acts 4:19-22

performed was more than forty
years old.

Acts 4:19-22

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

²⁰for we cannot but speak of what
we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:20

²⁶For consider your calling,
brothers: not many of you were
wise according to worldly
standards, not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But
God chose what is foolish in the
1 Corinthians 1:26-27

world to shame the wise; God
chose what is weak in the world to
shame the strong;

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

5. Gospel Empowerment

²³When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said,
Acts 4:23-31

“Sovereign Lord, who made the
heaven and the earth and the sea
and everything in them,²⁵ who
through the mouth of our father
David, your servant, said by the
Holy Spirit,

Acts 4:23-31

““Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth set
themselves,
and the rulers were gathered
together,

Acts 4:23-31

against the Lord and against his
Anointed' —

²⁷for truly in this city there were
gathered together against your holy
servant Jesus, whom you anointed,
Acts 4:23-31

both Herod and Pontius Pilate,
along with the Gentiles and the
peoples of Israel,²⁸ to do whatever
your hand and your plan had
predestined to take place.²⁹ And
now, Lord, look upon their threats

Acts 4:23-31

and grant to your servants to
continue to speak your word with
all boldness,³⁰ while you stretch out
your hand to heal, and signs and
wonders are performed through the
name of your holy servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:23-31

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:23-31

¹⁹and also for me, that words may
be given to me in opening my
mouth boldly to proclaim the
mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I
am an ambassador in chains, that I
may declare it boldly, as I ought to
Ephesians 6:19-20

Speak.

Ephesians 6:19-20

Application: Evangelism 101

1. Know Jesus
2. Yield to the Spirit
3. Fellowship with others
4. Pray for boldness