

ENCOURAGING THE CHURCH

Acts 20.1-14 // May 5, 2024

COMING ALONGSIDE

Paul's heart and passion was to encourage people in their faith and build them up. We see him traveling and pouring out his life for the encouragement of other churches and believers, desiring to see them strengthened.

Encouragement: the Greek word used is "parakaleo." "Kaleo" means "to speak," and para means "to help" or "come alongside."

Encouragement is the oxygen of the soul.

Proverbs 18.21

MANY WAYS TO ENCOURAGE

The churches were in need of encouragement. There were riots in response to their changed lives, there was persecution, there was financial struggles, there were divisions and false teachers, and there was unrepentant sin.

Hebrews 10.24, 25

- **Gather:** The church was hungry for the Word. They gathered to be encouraged by God's Word and by the presence of others.
- **Eat Together:** The most meaningful conversations and encouragement happens around food and drink, be it meals, coffee, or just being in each others' homes.
- **Serve:** They served one another. They were consumers, but contributors.
- **Give:** They gave sacrificially, even when they had little, and did it cheerfully.

HELPING OTHERS

Another purpose of Paul's trips to the church was that he was taking up an offering to help the poor church in Jerusalem. He encouraged the churches he visited, while also taking up encouragement to be delivered to others!

With all the stats and needs around the world and even within our own church, it is easy to believe the lie that the church is failing. But the Word reminds us that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church. We are more than conquerors through Christ.

1 Peter 4.8-11

NOTES:

Announcements:

Women's Gathering: Tomorrow night (May 6th) @7pm at Carrie Erdos' house. Scan the QR code for more details and to sign up!



This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 104

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 2:4-6

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Acts 20.1-14**. What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the Greek meaning behind the "nickname" of the Holy Spirit help shape your outlook on the kind of person you want to be if you want to be more like Christ? How does God's encouraging and helping of you help you to do the same to others?

Your Life Mission

Consider the kinds of encouragement mentioned in the sermon notes. How, or in what way, do you think you need to step out more as an encourager?

- **Gathering:** Are you regularly meeting with others on Sundays, in CG, and during the week, even when it feels inconvenient?
- **Eating Together:** Are there ways you can open up your home and schedule to spend time with others?
- **Serving:** What needs do you see in our church family, and how can you help?
- **Giving:** Are you trusting the Lord with your finances, giving faithfully, sacrificially, and cheerfully?

Who in your life needs encouragement, and how can you find ways to come alongside them to be that encouragement?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness. Help _____ to forgive _____, because You are the One who has forgiven us.

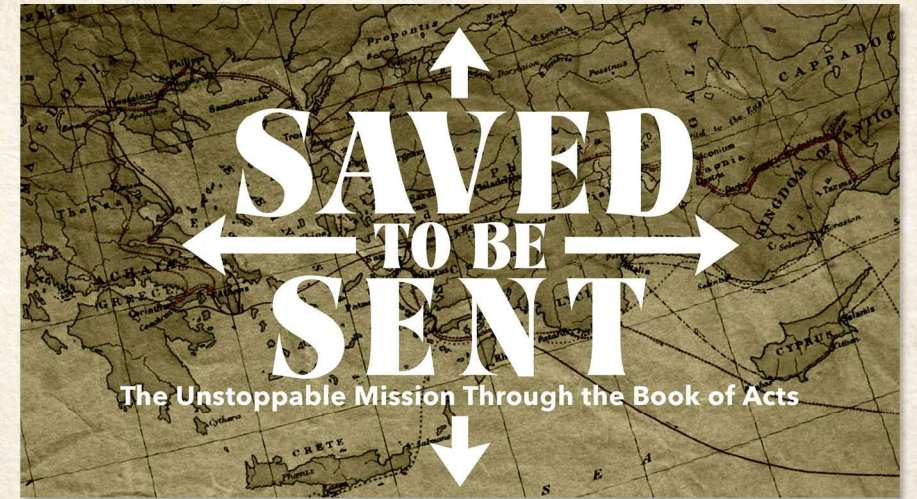
Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that _____ may not sin against You. Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



LIFE MISSION

CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



The Unstoppable Mission Through the Book of Acts

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