

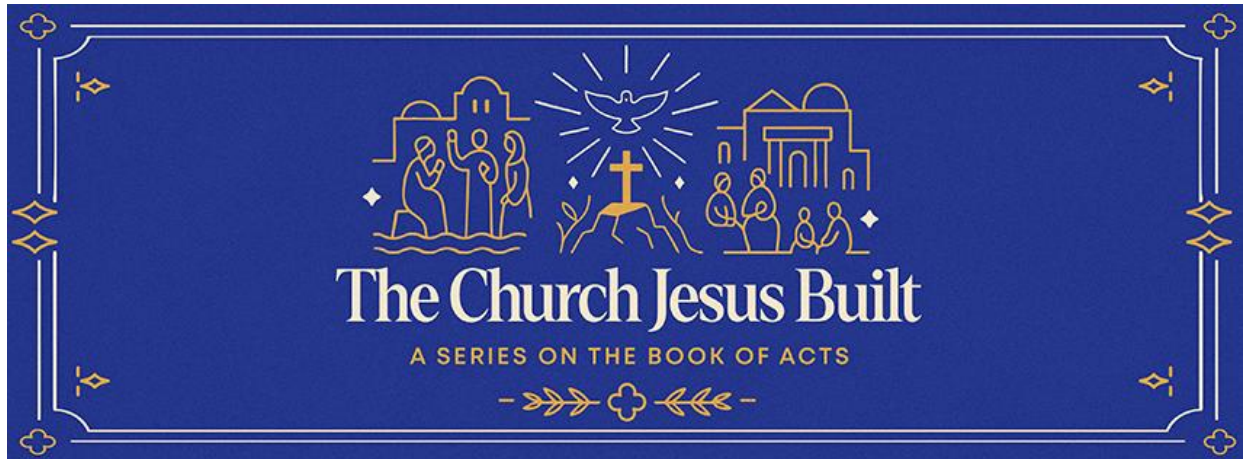


# The Church Jesus Built

A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS





## Week 1

**Text:** Acts 1:6–8

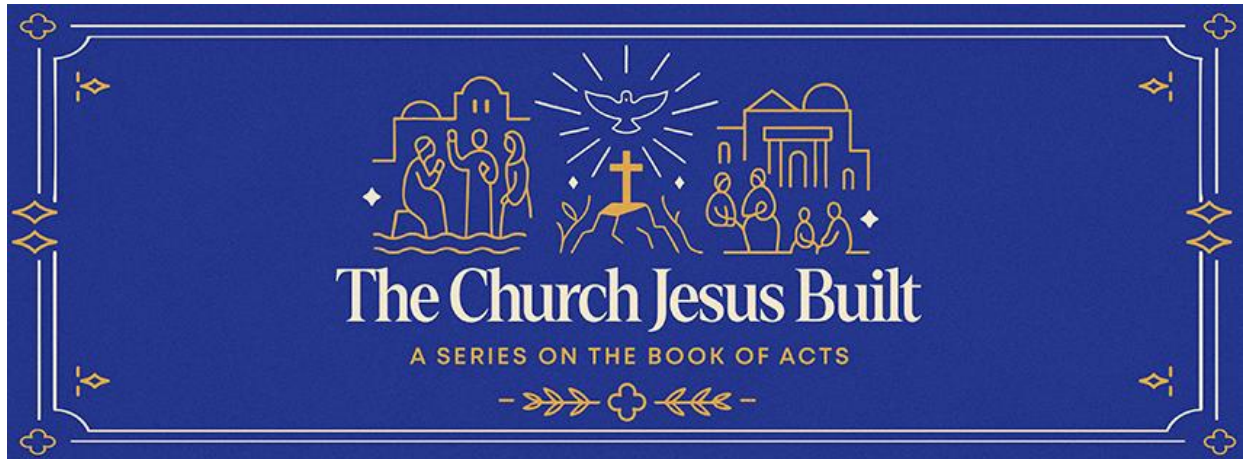
**Topics:** Church, Acts, Promise

**Big Idea of the Message:** This week we will look at the very foundation of the church, according to Christ.

**Application Point:** By understanding Christ's intent for the church, we can better understand our role as we await his return.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit instead of starting their mission right away?
3. What does being a witness for Christ mean in your life today?
4. In what ways can we prepare our hearts to receive more of the Holy Spirit's power?
5. How does the global vision of Acts 1:8 shape your view of the church's mission?
6. In what areas of your life do you need more dependence on the Spirit rather than self-effort?
7. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 2**

**Text:** Acts 2:1–4, 37–42

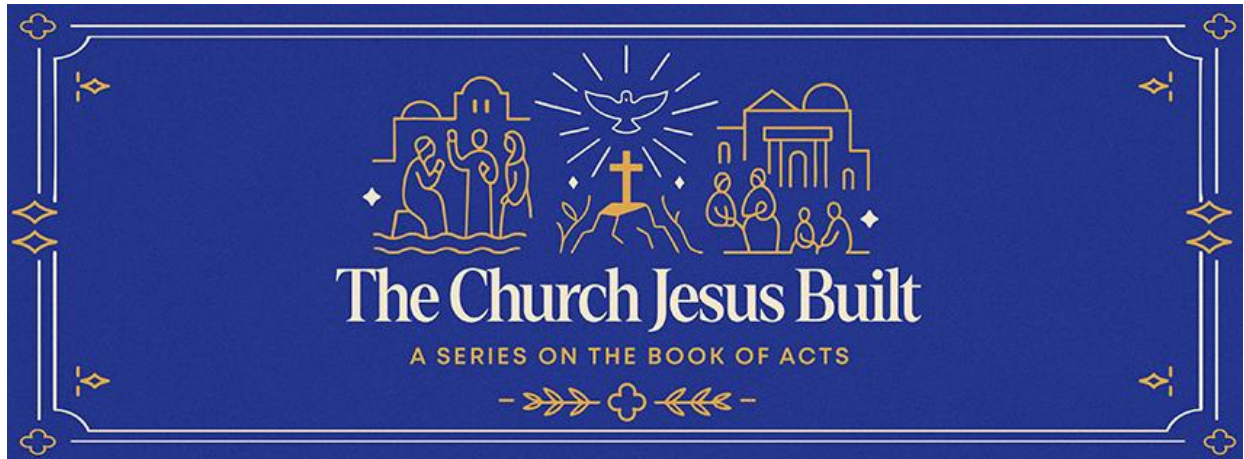
**Topics:** Church, Acts, Pentecost

**Big Idea of the Message:** This week we look at the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

**Application Point:** When we allow the Holy Spirit to drive our lives as Christians, we will see results we can't otherwise obtain.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How would you describe the significance of Pentecost in the life of the church?
3. What made Peter's sermon effective, and what can we learn from it about sharing the gospel?
4. Why is repentance a necessary part of the gospel message?
5. How do you think the people felt being "cut to the heart" (v. 37)? Have you ever experienced this?
6. What practical steps can we take to be more open to sharing and responding to God's Word?
7. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** Acts 2:42–47

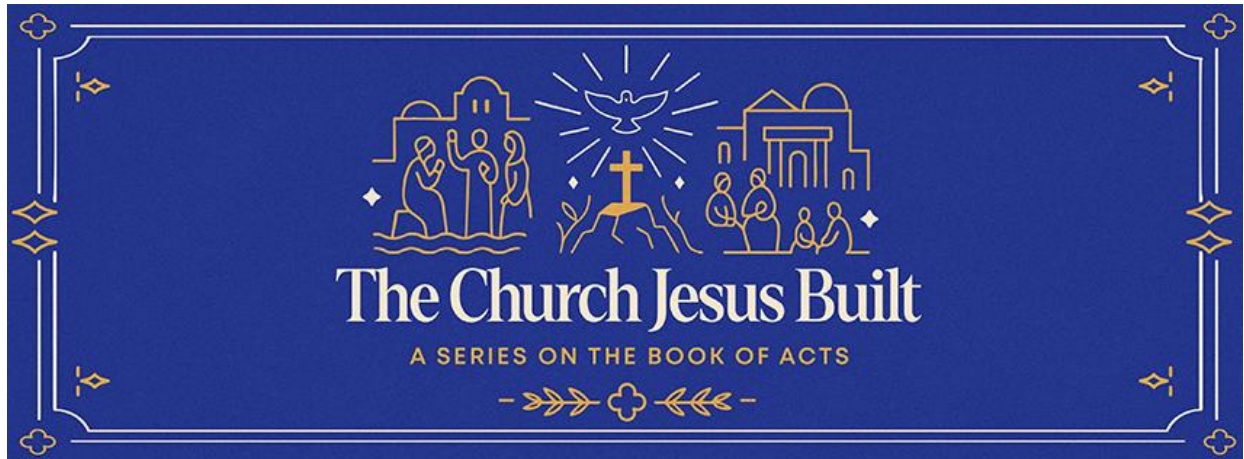
**Topics:** Acts, Church, Believers, Christians

**Big Idea of the Message:** This week we'll focus on life in the community of early Christians.

**Application Point:** We must find the core practices for a healthy Christian lifestyle so we can live in a way that furthers the cause of Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it mean to be "devoted" to something? How does that look in church life?
3. How can we foster deeper fellowship within our small group or church?
4. What is the role of prayer in building spiritual unity?
5. In what ways can generosity and joy characterize our relationships?
6. Which of the early church's practices do you think we most need to recover? Why?
7. How can we pray for you?



#### **Week 4**

**Text:** Acts 4:23–31; 5:29

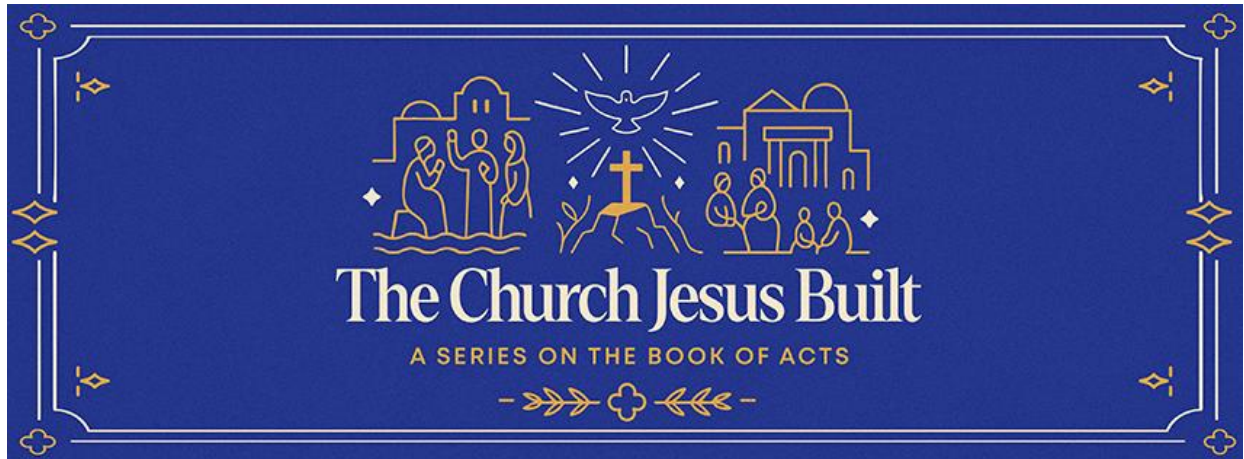
**Topics:** Church, Acts, Boldness

**Big Idea of the Message:** This week we focus on the boldness of the church in the face of opposition.

**Application Point:** We can boldly witness when we come before God and ask him to empower us with his Spirit as he did in Acts.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How do you typically respond to opposition to your faith: boldly, quietly, or fearfully?
3. What role does the Holy Spirit play in giving us courage?
4. How can we cultivate unity within the church when facing cultural or spiritual pressure?
5. What does it look like to be faithful to the message of Jesus in a hostile environment?
6. Can you share a time when boldness in your faith made a difference in someone else's life?
7. How can we pray for you?



## Week 5

**Text:** Acts 6:1–7

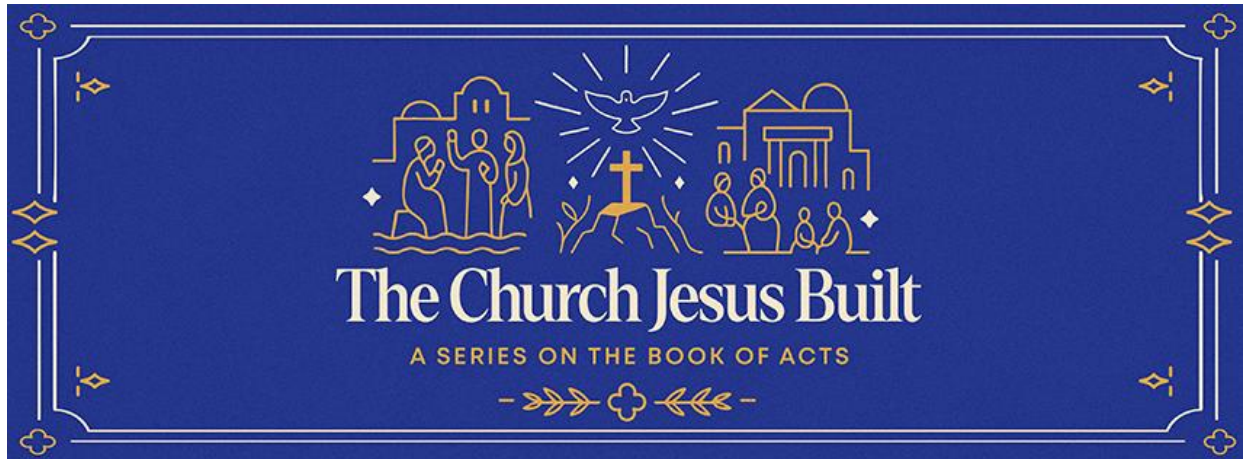
**Topics:** Church, Acts, Organization

**Big Idea of the Message:** This week we look at how there was human organization brought to the church without quenching the movement of the Spirit.

**Application Point:** We must understand how we can eliminate human obstacles to promote spiritual action.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Why is it important that leaders be both Spirit-filled and wise?
3. How does proper structure help rather than hinder the work of the Spirit?
4. What gifts do you see in yourself that you could use to serve others in the church?
5. How do you respond when needs arise in the church? Do you jump in or step back?
6. What does this passage teach us about trusting God to grow his church?
7. How can we pray for you?



## Week 6

**Text:** Acts 13:1–4

**Topics:** Church, Acts, Mission

**Big Idea of the Message:** This final week, we look once more at the mission of the church as it expands beyond Jerusalem.

**Application Point:** We grasp the gravity of the Acts of the Apostles when we see that these stories have led to our lives and current ministries.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to set someone apart for ministry?
3. How does your church or group support people called to go on mission?
4. Where do you feel God might be calling you to go or serve, even in small ways?
5. How can you be part of the church's global mission?
6. What step of obedience can you take this week in response to God's calling?
7. How can we pray for you?