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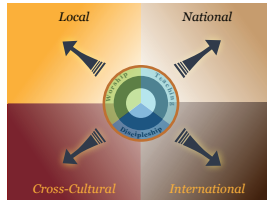
UNCHARTED TERRITORY

Part 9: The Church Crosses the Divide Into Uncharted Territory

All the Earth | Welcome & Announcements | *You Never Let Go*
| *King of My Heart* | Pastoral Prayer | Message (Billy Arnold) | *Oceans* |
Prayer & Offering | *Overcome*

Acts 1-7: The Beginnings...

Acts 1: The Great Commission (verse 8)
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Acts 2:
The Holy Spirit moves at Pentecost, and the Church begins. The first-generation church in Jerusalem is founded.



Acts 3:
Confirmation that Jesus is the fulfilment of God’s plan from long ago, given to us from the prophets.

Acts 4 & 5:
Stories of struggles from both inside the church family (internal conflicts) and outside the church family (non-believing Jews) — but the church family in Jerusalem becomes a community of faith, loving and leaning on each other.

Acts 6:
The church organizes in order to better care for the whole church family.

Acts 7:
Stephen (the deacon) and the powerful sermon that launches the Church beyond Jerusalem.

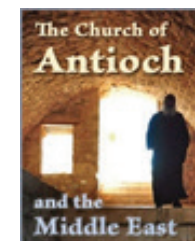
Acts 8-15: Uncharted Territory

Acts 8:
The Church scatters as persecution begins.



Acts 9:
Saul/Paul is converted. The persecutor becomes the propagator of the gospel.

Acts 10:
Peter is challenged with “unclean” traditions, and Cornelius, the Roman officer, is converted. The gospel moves from the Jews to the Gentiles.



Acts 11:
Antioch, the second-generation church, is founded as a missions church in Gentile regions.

Acts 12:

The Holy Spirit is the power of God and proves it during days of imprisonment.

Acts 13 – 14:

Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey



Acts 15:

The Council in Jerusalem makes a decision about taking the gospel into the Gentile world — their “uncharted territory.”



Learning to be “Book of Acts” People Serving in Uncharted Territory

Grace: Our Message

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Identity: Our Character

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them.

Liberty With Restraint: Our Actions

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 (The Believer’s Freedom)

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

