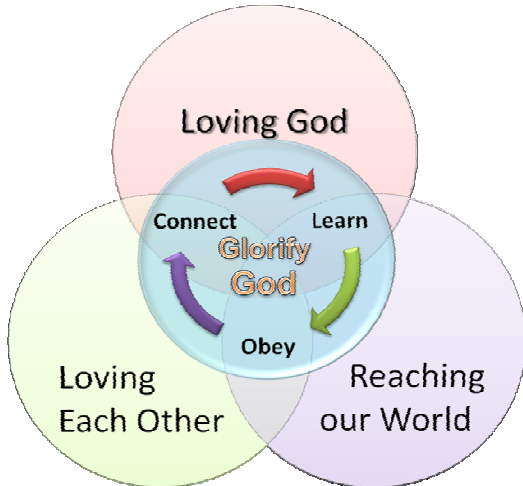


**Sticking with the Mission: “Marks of a Missions-Minded Church”  
Acts 1:1-11**

We’ve begun this year by working through our mission statement. A mission statement gives direction and focuses our future. It provides guidelines for decision making and inspires unity. Our mission statement states that we as a church exist to glorify God by making disciples. That’s pretty amazing. We described a disciple in three ways: Loving God; Loving each other; and Reaching the world. All three summarize what we find in Scripture (Great Commandment—Matthew 22:34-39; Great Commission—Matthew 29:18-20). This morning we’re going to focus on what a “missions-minded” church looks like.



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## Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

### Monday-Tuesday

- Let’s look at the word “power” in the book of Acts. Make observations from the following verses: Acts 1:8; 2:22; 3:12; 4:7, 33; 6:8; 8:10, 13; 10:38; 19:11. Sometimes the Greek word is translated “miracles.” Do you find any type of contrast being made? What different sources of power do you find? How would you define “power”?
- Read Galatians 5:16-26 and Ephesians 5:15-21. What takes place when you are empowered by the Spirit? How do you become “filled” or empowered by the Spirit? This week practice being filled by the Spirit. Share what you’ve learned with another individual.

### Wednesday-Thursday

- Make observations regarding the usage of the word, “witness” (*martures*) in the following verses: Acts 1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31; 22:15; 26:16. What do you find out about those who are witnesses? What do they speak about?
- Make observations about the Great Commission from the following passages: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 10:42. What is the task of the church?
- Discuss with a group how you as an individual and how we as a church can become more outreach oriented—both locally and internationally. Determine a plan that will help you to work toward this goal.

### Friday-Saturday

- After reading Acts 1:1-11, what do you learn about the person of the Holy Spirit? What do you learn about the work of the Holy Spirit? For further work, use a good bible dictionary or study bible to distinguish the difference between the baptism of the Spirit and the filling of the Spirit.
- What does Luke teach us about Jesus in this section: his earthly ministry, his work following the resurrection, his return at the end of time?
- Identify ways that your understanding of the Holy Spirit and Christ will impact your worship of God and your walk with God. Identify ways in which your understanding will impact your witness for God. Share with an individual or group what the Lord is teaching you.