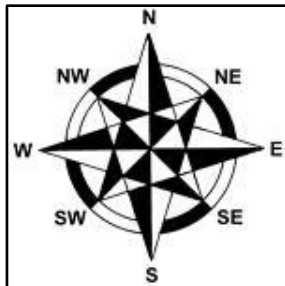


# Finding & growing followers of Jesus

## Gospel advance



### The story so far...

The book of Acts traces the spread of the gospel worldwide. In Jesus' last words to His disciples He said, *"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 1:8). The task of making Jesus known everywhere to everyone was way beyond their ability so Jesus promised divine enablement; the Spirit would empower them to make Jesus known...and he still does!

### Finding followers of Jesus (evangelism)

**Read Acts 6:1-7; 12:18-24; 13:42-49 & 19:8-9**

1. How did an opportunity to declare God's word open in each incident?
2. What response was there when God's word was proclaimed?
3. How was resistance to the gospel dealt with in each case?
4. What was the end result of the proclamation of God's word?
5. In your opinion, are those who don't-know-Jesus-yet more willing to hear the gospel about Jesus than those who know Him are willing to tell them?

**Read Acts 8:1-4**

6. What unintentionally led to the spread of the gospel - as Jesus commanded?

### Life application...

1. How *competent* are you to present the gospel about Jesus?
2. How *clearly* are you able to present the gospel about Jesus?
3. How *confident* are you to present the gospel about Jesus?
4. How *credible* is your lifestyle to reinforce your gospel presentation?

Our God-assigned task is to present the gospel about Jesus so that an informed decision can be made to either accept or reject Jesus. Let's tell the gospel.

### Growing followers of Jesus (edification)

**Read Matthew 28:19-20**

1. How were Jesus' disciples to make disciples? What were they to teach them?

**Read Acts 19:9-10**

2. What does the time Paul spent teaching reveal about discipleship?

**Read 2 Timothy 2:2**

3. How was Timothy to disciple others? How was Timothy disciplined?

### Life application...

1. What lessons can you learn from those who disciplined you to follow Jesus?
2. What would you teach to disciple someone to follow Jesus?
3. How capable are you to disciple a new follower of Jesus?
4. How can you disciple your children/grandchildren to follow Jesus?
5. How can you help another follower of Jesus to grow in maturity?

### Prayer points...

Dear Lord God, help us to find and grow followers of Jesus, Amen.