Alderwood Community Church May 21, 2017

God's Grand Story – The Church Begins (The book of Acts) Acts 1:1-11

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon 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

Big Idea: This is a story about Jesus leading His people by the Spirit to go out into the world and invite all nations of the world to live under His reign.

Acts 1-7 Jerusalem

where:

Acts 8-12 Judea and Samaria

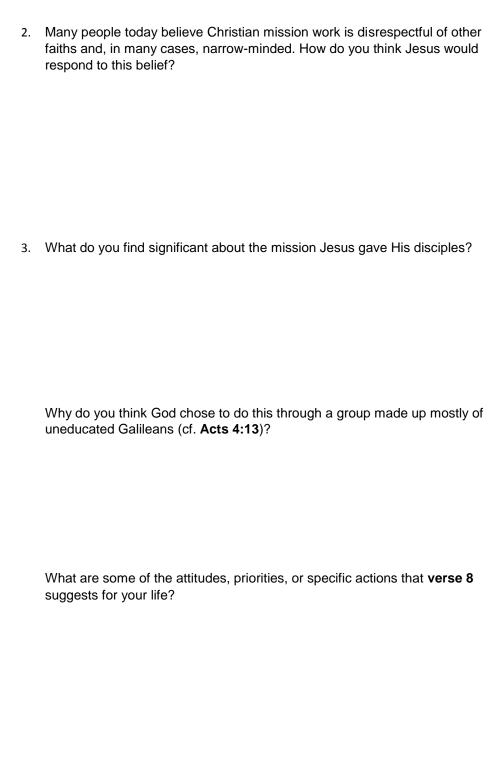
Acts 13-28 To the ends of the earth

- Acts 13-20 Paul's missionary journeys in Asia Minor
- Acts 21-28 Paul's witness spreads to Rome

What does faithfulness to King Jesus look like?

1.	It involves		_ the good news of the risen king in
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2.	It involves		diverse Jesus communities (churches)

		A.	People of all kinds come together and are treated	
		R	Jesus followers give their allegiance to King Jesus by living	
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3.	lt inv	olve	es in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.	
Sermon Questions:				
1.	Read Acts 1:1-11 . What does Luke tell us here that Jesus said and did before He went back to heaven?			



4.	Read Acts 4:24-31 and 5:41-42 . What do these passages reveal about the first believers' attitude toward persecution? How did God respond to this attitude?
5.	Read Acts 1:11 again. Does this verse encourage you? If so, what does it encourage you to think and do?
6.	Jesus clearly gave all His followers a mission. How can your group work together and support each other in fulfilling Jesus' mission?