

STUDY GUIDE



City Church Vision

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THE MISSIONAL CHURCH (2026 CHURCH VISION)

A STUDY

from the Book of Acts 1-4

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EMPOWERED BY
THE SPIRIT

Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-4

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Sermon Series Overview

A new year, for most, means new resolutions, new goals, and new changes you hope to make in your life.

Last year, in 2025, one of my goals was to run a half-marathon... with my wife. Typically, our resolutions are individual goals: I want to lose weight, or I want to learn a language, or I want to grow in some skill at work, or I want to be a better husband. But my goal last year was a **COMMUNAL** goal. It was about **WE**... not just **ME**. By creating such a goal, I extended the work—and the joy—of accomplishing it to more than just myself. Jenni and I both had to train, schedule, plan, and strive to accomplish something **TOGETHER**.

In 2026, I want to extend my goal to even more people... to **YOU**, the church. Don't worry, I'm not asking you to run a half-marathon. But for 2026, as a church, I am asking you to join in the work - and the joy - of accomplishing the goal of openly and unashamedly sharing the gospel with those within our sphere of influence.

Let me encourage you to take some time to read our **2026 Vision Statement**—perhaps even memorize it—and begin to live it out this year:

At City Church, we are a people empowered by the Spirit to proclaim Christ so that, even in great opposition, the Gospel might reach all peoples in all places, thereby bringing all who believe into God's family (visibly represented through local churches).

For the next five weeks, we will look at each key phrase in this vision statement, praying that God gives us the passion and ability to accomplish this great goal for His great purposes.

The Missional Church: Acts 1-4

Week One: Empowered by the Spirit

Week Two: Proclaiming the Whole Gospel

Week Three: Expecting and Enduring Opposition

Week Four: Reaching All Peoples in All Places

Week Five: Bringing Believers into the Local Church (Membership) (Added to the Church)

Lastly, **WHEN** you have these gospel conversations, please take the time to share them with us so that as a church we can together give thanks to God who empowers us to faithfully proclaim Christ to a world in need of God.

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Proclaiming Christ with you,

Pastor TJ





Sermon Outline

Title: Empowered by the Spirit

Text: Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-4

Prop: Because Jesus has given His Spirit to His people, every Christian can confidently and faithfully proclaim Christ.

OUTLINE

1. The Spirit in You Has Empowered You to Make Much of Jesus.
2. The Spirit in You Has Empowered You to Make Much of Jesus.
3. The Spirit in You Has Empowered You to Make Much of Jesus.

Sermon Notes



Discussion Questions

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1. What are the specific fears or barriers that keep you from sharing your faith here in Beijing? (e.g., language barriers, cultural misunderstandings, fear of creating awkwardness at work/school, feeling like you don't know enough).
2. In what ways does the Spirit empower us to be a witness for Christ and how should this help you move past your fears and trust in His working through you?
3. As the early church shared the "mighty works of God," what is one specific "mighty work" God has done in your life that you could share with others?
4. What is your role in salvation and what is the Spirit's role and how does a proper understanding of both protect you from discouragement (if someone seems uninterested) and pride (if someone is receptive)?
5. What is one practical "next step" you will take this week to be guided by Spirit's empowerment for sharing Christ?

Don't forget to share your gospel story with us:





Prayer & Praise

End your time together by reflecting on the goodness of God and praying for one another.

Prayer Requests

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PROCLAIMING THE WHOLE GOSPEL

Acts 2:22-41

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This Sunday, we continue our series on the 2026 Vision by focusing on **what** we are to proclaim. Turning to Peter's sermon in Acts 2, we'll break down the essential, non-negotiable, unchanging truths of the gospel. Jesus Christ—incarnated, crucified, risen, reigning, and returning.

The goal is to help us not just share our testimony, but to accurately explain who Jesus is, why He came, and how we should respond to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Proclaiming the Gospel with You,

Pastor TJ



Sermon Outline

Title: Proclaiming the Whole Gospel

Text: Acts 2:22–41

Prop: As Christians, we have a responsibility to patiently and plainly proclaim Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and emanate return, so that people might be saved from this crooked generation.

OUTLINE

1. Jesus the Historical Man (Acts 2:22a)
2. Jesus the Approved Man (Acts 2:22b)
3. Jesus the Crucified Man (Acts 2:23)
4. Jesus the Resurrected Man (Acts 2:24)
5. Jesus the Exalted Man (Acts 2:33)

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1. Take a few minutes to briefly share your testimony—how you came to understand your need for Christ and placed your faith in Him.
2. What are the essential, non-negotiable truths that must be included in a complete presentation of the gospel?
3. Of these non-negotiable truths, which do you think are the hardest to explain, which are the hardest to believe or accept? Why?
4. Read Acts 2:40. What is the difference between a Biblical exhortation to believe the gospel vs using manipulative tactics to get someone to believe and why would that be wrong?
5. It is often easier for us to live a Christ-like life in front of non-believers than it is to sit down and clearly explain the gospel, like Peter did. What practical step can we take to help us to clearly and accurately proclaim the gospel this week?





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