

SKYROCKETING GROWTH (#14 of 18)

Acts 1-28

I. Numerically.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty). Acts 1:15

Cf. 2:41, 2:47, 4:4, 5:4, 6:1, 6:7, 9:31, 11:21, 16:5

II. Geographically.

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 1:8

Acts 1 – 7 Jerusalem

Acts 8 – 12 Judea and Samaria

Acts 13 – 28 Ends of the earth

III. Influentially.

When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, “These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also.” Acts 17:6 (NRSV)

- We’re not called to echo culture, we are called to impact culture.
- Their desire was not to make a dent. Their desire was to make a difference.

IV. Supernaturally.

Jesus said, “I will build my church.” Matthew 16:18

- The empire built roads.

The church built lives.

- A. A praying church. (Dependence)

Acts 1:12-26

- B. A powerful church. (Power)

Acts 2:1-13

- C. A preaching church. (Scripture)

Acts 2:14-41

- D. A persecuted church. (Endurance)

Acts 8:1-4

- E. A Participatory church. (Engagement)

Acts 2:42-47

- After Acts 28 the ink stops but the mission continues.
- The cross wasn't a conclusion,
it was a catalyst.

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