

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

The ACTS of a Growing Church

It's in our nature to want to be prepared for things. We get ready to go to work, to have a family get-together, or to have a baby. Shouldn't we look at the Kingdom of God the same way? It's something we need to prepare for constantly. God has shown us the things we should be doing as Christians to prepare for the day Jesus returns to take with Him all who have followed, obeyed and loved as He did.

Five ACTS to Be Prepared:

1. **Be DEPENDENT on the Holy Spirit** – How often do you let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit? Do you ask Him to help you make decisions throughout your day? Who or what do you depend on to get you through the day?
Acts 1:8; Zechariah 4:6; Romans 8:26
2. **Be DEVOTED to One Another** – What is most of your time devoted to? Do you spend significant time loving others into the Kingdom? Do your actions reveal more about you than your words?
John 13:35; Acts 2:42; Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3; Ephesians 4:2
3. **Be DUTIFUL in Prayer** – How's your prayer life? Do you find yourself going through the motions or being repetitive? Share in your group some ways you can be more open and honest with God during your prayer time.
Mark 11:17; James 5:16; Philippians 4:6; Acts 4:31
4. **Be DELIBERATE in Giving** – A giving church is a growing church. Are you giving of your time and sharing your spiritual gifts? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are?
Acts 2:45; Matthew 10:8; Proverbs 22:9; Luke 11:41
5. **Be DEDICATED to Reaching the Lost** – Have you shared your faith journey with someone recently? Have you done something specific to reach out to someone in need? Do you serve on a regular basis in any area of the church or your community? Who could you invite to serve with you?
Acts 23:11; Matthew 10:17-20; Psalm 82:4

Make it Real

- Set reminders for yourself around your home to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.
- Find someone to share your faith journey with who may not know about God.
- Decide each day to die to yourself and allow God to do His works in and through you.