

# THE ACTS: WHY NOT US, WHY NOT NOW?

## Part 2: The Local Church

9.13.20

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### A. HOW IS THE LOCAL CHURCH ESTABLISHED?

1. The local Church is **BIRTHED**: Acts 1:1-26; 2:1-41; 3:1-26

2. The local Church is **DEVELOPED**: Acts 2:42-47; 3:1-10; 4:1-37

3. The local Church is **DEPLOYED**:

- Through **Funding**:
  - **Key Word(s)**: **lie**: to cheat; defraud; falsify; **keep back**: to separate for one's self; embezzle, withdraw covertly and appropriate to one's own use
  - **Key Verse(s)**: Acts 4:34-37; 5:1-9\*; 10-11
- Through **Power**:
  - **Key Word(s)**: **taking place**: to simply be; a change of state; to become
  - **Key Verse(s)**: Acts 5:12-16
- Through **Courage**:
  - **Key Word(s)**: **obey**: to a person in authority—in this case God; **fighting against**: resisting God
  - **Key Verse(s)**: Acts 5:17-29\*; 30-39\*; 40-42\*
- Through **Structure**:
  - **Key Word(s)**: **among**: out of you; from you; away from you; **good reputation**: to be of good report; to testify strongly; bear honorable testimony; **full**: abounding; filled up rather than empty; complete; lacking nothing
  - **Key Verse(s)**: Acts 6:1-7
- Through **Persecution**:
  - **Key Word(s)**: **great**: particularly of a physical magnitude; violent; **persecution**: pursuit of the enemy; hostile persecution; **scattered**: to sow here and there or to scatter as seed
  - **Key Verse(s)**: Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-60; 8:1\*

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### PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What should I do about what I've learned?
2. Who can I tell? (share what you've learned)
3. What Bible verse can I memorize? (write it down)
4. Who can I bring with me next week? (list their names)

### ENGAGE HOMEWORK

A. Please read through the entire book of Acts

B. Discussion Questions:

1. Are you helping to “fund” the work of the Gospel? What do you think of the possible consequences of not support the work? What hinders you?
  - Acts 4:34-37; 5:1-9\*;10-11
2. Are you ready to be a part of the “structure” of deploying the Church? In other words, are you ready to be—the one selected?
  - Acts 6:1-7