

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

Family Day 2026

We invite everyone to join our first Family Day on **August 21, 2026**. Everyone is encouraged to come and take part in this meaningful day of fun, connection, and community. More details will be announced soon.

Small Group Leaders & Disciplers Meet-up

Pastor Nic will meet with Groups 5 & 6 on **August 9, 2026, 7PM** at the Center.



How can we pray for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.



Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



Free Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service**!

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM
Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

2nd Floor,
Northgate Center.
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Banilad, Cebu City.

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WITH US!**



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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

Looking Up, Sent Out

ACTS 1:1-11

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts

Part 1: A Spirit-Filled Beginning

August 02, 2026 | Ptr. Nic Sy

SERMON NOTES

I. POSITIONED BY THE RISEN KING

"proof" | tekmerion (τεκμήριον) meaning "evidence, convincing proof."

The resurrection is the solid reality on which every witness, every sermon, every church, and every missionary journey rests upon.

The unstoppable mission begins with the unshakable truth that Jesus is alive!

II. POWERED BY THE PROMISED SPIRIT

"power" | dunamis (δύναμις) meaning "ability, strength, or effective power."

"witnesses" | martus (μάρτυς) meaning "witness, martyr"

The true power behind the mission is the personal presence of the Holy Spirit with his people.

The mission moves by received power, not manufactured power.

III. PROPELLED INTO THE WORLD

"gazing" | atenizó (ἀτενίζω) meaning "to gaze intently, to look steadfastly."

Lift your eyes in grateful worship, then turn your feet toward active mission.

Look up for hope, then look out for mission.



“LOOKING UP, SENT OUT”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of August 3–9, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you were sent on a year-long expedition to a remote corner of the world, what is one non-essential comfort item you would insist on bringing with you?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 1:1–11

1. In Acts 1:1, Luke writes that his former book was about all that Jesus “began” to do and teach. What does it mean that Jesus only “began” his work rather than finished it? How does this reshape the way you read the New Testament, not as a completed story, but as a launching point? In what specific area of your life right now do you sense Jesus wants to continue his work through you?

2. Acts 1:3 says that Jesus presented himself alive “by many proofs” over a period of forty days. Why was it important for the apostles to have strong certainty about the resurrection before they were sent as witnesses? Read 1 Corinthians 15:14–20. According to Paul, what would be lost if Christ had not been raised? How has the resurrection steadied you during seasons of disappointment, fear, or uncertainty?

3. Read Acts 1:4–5 and Acts 1:12–14. Why did Jesus command the disciples to wait when they already had training, experience, and knowledge of the resurrection? What did their waiting look like, and how was it different from laziness or inactivity? Can you think of a season when God used waiting to deepen your dependence, reshape your motives, or prepare you for something you could not yet see?

4. When the disciples ask if Jesus will now restore the kingdom to Israel, he redirects them in verses 7–8. Why does Jesus draw a line between what the Father has fixed by his own authority and what the disciples are called to do? What are some temporary concerns that people today seem to focus on? How can we practically cultivate a mindset that prioritizes God’s eternal mission over earthly concerns?

5. Jesus promised in Acts 1:8 that believers would receive supernatural power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Read Galatians 5:16–25 and Ephesians 3:16–20. According to these passages, what does it practically look like to walk by the Spirit rather than operating on human willpower? Where in your life are you feeling burned out from “rowing” in your own strength?

6. Jesus named Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the end of the earth in Acts 1:8. How does this verse provide a broad outline for the movement of Acts? Who in your “Jerusalem” (i.e. your immediate family, workplace, or neighborhood) needs to hear your story? What is one step you could take to expand your compassion toward your “Samaria,” the people who are different from or difficult for you?

NEXT STEPS

The Church was never meant to be a museum of spectators, but a movement on mission.

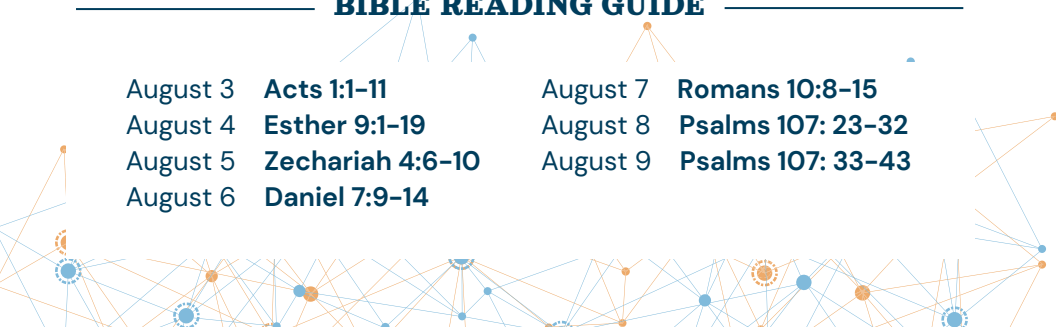
- **LOOK UP.** I will remind myself that Jesus is alive.
- **WAIT WELL.** I will pause and rely on the Holy Spirit for wisdom, courage and power.
- **SPEAK UP.** I will be sensitive for the opportunity to listen, serve, pray, invite, or share Jesus to others.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart anchored in Christ’s truth, daily reliance on the Holy Spirit’s power, and eyes turned outward to step boldly into his unstoppable mission.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE



August 3	Acts 1:1–11	August 7	Romans 10:8–15
August 4	Esther 9:1–19	August 8	Psalms 107: 23–32
August 5	Zechariah 4:6–10	August 9	Psalms 107: 33–43
August 6	Daniel 7:9–14		