

Happy 11th 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!



The Disciple-Making Life Training

What does it really mean to follow Jesus and to help others follow him? Join us for a weekly teaching series as we learn from the life and ministry of Jesus and discover practical ways to grow as disciples who make disciples.

Every Thursday, beginning **October 15, 2026, 7PM**. All are welcome to join!



God's Design for Relationships

Join us for our last Saturday series on God's Blueprint for Relationships. This **October 24, 2026, 6PM**, we will talk about "**When Sorry Is Not Enough**," with Dr. Jasmine Joy Trono. Everyone is welcome.



Small Group Leaders & Facilitators Meet-up

Pastor Nic will meet with Groups 9 & 10 **October 18, 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!



LIVING WORD NRA
Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

OCTOBER 11, 2026

For The Next Chapter

ACTS 6:1-7 ———— Ptr. Nic Sy

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts
Part 2: The Church Under Fire

Sermon Notes

Are we becoming the kind of church that can faithfully carry what God wants to entrust to us next?

I. WHEN GROWTH GETS MESSY

Every blessing brings a new responsibility.

The church must grow up as the church grows.

Are we willing to accept the difficulty that comes with the very growth that we pray for?

People are not interruptions to the ministry. People are the ministry.

II. WHEN MINISTRY MULTIPLIES

When something is done in service to Christ and his people, ordinary work is holy service.

Ministry still requires spiritual character.

Have you become more of a consumer of ministry than a participant in ministry?

A healthy church is not built by a few people doing everything, but by many people faithfully doing their part.

III. WHEN THE WORD KEEPS MOVING

Crowds can gather around an event. Only the gospel forms disciples of Jesus.

Will the Word that came to us continue through us?

The gospel was never meant merely to terminate in us.

Sunday Services

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM
Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

2nd Floor, Northgate Center.
across Gaisano Country Mall
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“FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of October 12–18, 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.

What is one funny memory that you have of the church?

Group Discussion

Read Acts 6:1–7

1. Read Acts 6:1–2. Luke says that the disciples were “increasing in number,” yet at the same time some widows were “being neglected.” Why do you think growth created new difficulties for the Jerusalem church? What does this tell us about the relationship between blessing and responsibility? Can you think of ways a growing church today might unintentionally become less effective at caring for people?

2. Look more closely at the Hellenists and Hebrews in Acts 6:1. Both groups were Jewish believers in Jesus, yet differences in language and culture seem to have contributed to tension. Read Galatians 3:26–28 and James 2:1–4. What truths in these passages should shape the way Christians treat people who come from a different background, social circle, generation, or culture? Who are the kinds of people who can most easily become overlooked in a church today?

3. The apostles did not dismiss the complaint, but neither did they attempt to personally solve everything. In Acts 6:2–4, what priorities were they trying to protect, and what responsibility were they also determined not to neglect? What is the difference between refusing to serve and recognizing that you cannot personally do every kind of service? Where might Christians sometimes confuse faithfulness with simply doing more and more?

4. In Acts 6:1–4, the same Greek word family is used for the “serving” tables (v.2), and the “ministry” of the Word (v.4). What does that tell us about the value God places on different kinds of service? Read Mark 10:45 and 1 Corinthians 12:14–22. Why are visible ministries sometimes valued more highly than behind-the-scenes ministries and how does Jesus’ example correct that?

5. What qualities did the apostles look for and what is striking about those qualifications considering the practical nature of the assignment? Why do we often separate “spiritual” tasks from “practical” tasks, and how does Acts 6 challenge that perspective? Think of one or two persons in ministry today, whether involved in a visible or behind-the-scenes work. If you were to thank them personally, what would you say and how would you encourage them this week?

6. Read Acts 6:7 carefully. What three results does Luke describe after the church addressed its internal problem? Why do you think Luke says first that “the word of God continued to increase” rather than simply saying that the church became larger? What is the difference between increasing attendance and multiplying disciples? How can small groups and one-on-one discipleship help the Word move more deeply into people’s lives rather than merely reaching more ears?

Next Steps

The Word that reached us must not stop with us.

- **MAKE ROOM.** I will make room for someone outside my usual circle; I will welcome them rather than resent the inconvenience and refuse to let people become invisible.
- **TAKE YOUR PLACE.** I will look for concrete ways to serve, help, lead, give, encourage, or care for others.
- **GROW TOGETHER.** I will pursue discipleship, not merely attendance.
- **PASS IT ON.** I will not let the Word stop with me.

Closing the Session

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

- Pray for our church to grow in maturity, to serve faithfully together, and to keep passing on the Word so that more people become disciples of Jesus.
- 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

October 12 Acts 6:1–7

October 13 Ruth 2:1–12

October 14 Psalms 15:1–5

October 15 Numbers 27:15–23

October 16 Titus 2:6–8

October 17 Psalms 78:1–8

October 18 Psalms 117:1–2