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Sunday, July 29, 2012

“UNHINDERED – ACTS 29”

(Acts 28:23-31; 2:41-47)

Today we conclude our series of messages from Acts. The last word in the book is “unhindered”. The Good News of Jesus is still good news. While Acts 28 is the last chapter in the book of Acts, the story of the church is still being written. That’s Acts 29.

**1. The church is a place where the _____
(v. 40-41).**

“God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again” (John 3:17, The Message).

**2. The church is a place where the _____
(v. 41).**

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10, NIV).

**3. The church is a place where the _____
(v. 42).**

“God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him” (Romans 8:29, The Message).

**4. The church is a place where the _____
(v. 45).**

“Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need” (Acts 2:45, NIV).

**5. The church is a place where the _____
(v. 44, 46).**

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples--when they see the love you have for each other” (John 13:34-35, The Message).

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“Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:9, NASB).

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14, NASB).

1. The church is a place where the gospel is declared (v. 40-41).

“God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again” (John 3:17, The Message).

2. The church is a place where the lost are found (v. 41).

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10, NIV).

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV).

3. The church is a place where the found are formed (v. 42).

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you” (Matthew 28:19-20, NLT).

“God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity

he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him” (Romans 8:29, The Message).

4. The church is a place where the hurting are helped (v. 45).

“Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need” (Acts 2:45, NIV).

5. The church is a place where the lonely are embraced (v. 44, 46).

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“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18, ESV).