

# Understanding what makes a church grow (or at least trying to.....)

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## PART 6:

### 6. Spirit filled mission

*Acts 8:4-8 (NLT)*

*4 But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. 5 Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. 6 Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. 7 Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.*

**The sixth growth trigger is about building a sense of mission into the church. Choose Acts 1:8 so that God doesn't have to choose Acts 8:1 for you!**

*"As you go you grow"* Dudley Daniel

**Acts 1:8 gives four spheres of influence every Base Church should aim to have a footprint in:**

- **Jerusalem** - your city of town
- **Judea** - the region or province around you
- **Samaria** - the nations next door
- **Ends of the earth** - the nations far away

Gen 12:1-3 speaks of the Apostolic blessing of going! Trust God and live to be a blessing to the nations!

**BIG IDEA: Don't wait to be big to be a BASE. "Start like you want to finish" and set the example early on!**

### **CONCLUSION:**

1 Cor 3:7b *"What's important is that God makes the seed grow."*

**HOW?** The Word + The Holy Spirit + ordinary people who obey!