



- a. Look up Acts 2:46-47, 9:31, 12:24, 16:5, 19:20. What is the common theme for each of these verses?
- b. These verses represent the shifts mentioned in the Introduction of this lesson: ***the church continues to grow and the faith will increase in momentum beyond the borders of Jerusalem***:
- ***Acts 1:1-2:47***: The New Covenant message is **established in Jerusalem**.
  - ***3:1-6:7***: The Holy Spirit is poured out on the new believers in Christ. The Word is **extended in Jerusalem**.
  - ***Acts 6:8-9:31***: The New Covenant message **expands** beyond Jerusalem. The church is growing and on the move, being **extended beyond Jerusalem's borders**.
  - ***Acts 9:32-12:25***: The message of salvation is **expanded to include Gentiles**. The church is growing and on the move.
  - ***Acts 13:1-16:5***: The message is **extended and expands to Cyprus & Asia Minor** as momentum builds to spread the gospel message "to the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:19).
  - ***Acts 16:6-19:20***: The message continues to burst out the seams, **extends and expands out to more regions to Greece**.
  - ***Acts 19:21-28:31***: The gospel message, salvation in Christ continues **to the ends of the earth** as it **extends and expands** to Rome.
- c. Notice that each of the verses above conclude with the theme mentioned
6. Doug said "You can't quiet a disciple in love with Jesus." What do you think he meant by that?

*Personal Application:*

*Jesus' followers have a deep sense of Who God is, who they are and an immense sense of gratitude to God for what He has done. When this happens, their cup is full and they just can't help but overflow onto others. It's not about "have-to's" or works. Historically, when followers of Jesus work out of guilt and shame, they have little rest in Who God is, what He has done and the completeness of His sacrifice, working less out of a natural overflow of gratitude and more out of driving the gospel forward out of compulsion.*

*Question to ask ourselves: How much do I believe the work of Christ is completely sufficient and that I do not need to add to His sacrifice by what I DO in order to propel the gospel as a natural overflow of being in love? Does my life reflect the freedom Paul speaks of in Galatians 5:1? (By the way, the entire book of Galatians is a great read, and it's short).*