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“INTO THE WORLD”

This week we begin a new Bible study on the Book of Acts. Why Acts? Acts is about the nature and the purpose of the church formed 2000 years ago. What does that have to do with us today? EVERYTHING!

For many years I have wondered what is wrong with the church; why many no longer come; why those who come are not excited; why the Christian church as a whole is not growing in this country. I have known the church is not what it is supposed to be. But I did not know what or how it is meant to be. I have come to see that we have had the answer all along.

Luke tells us in the Book of Acts what the church is supposed to look like and what it is supposed to do – in all times and all places. Luke tells us how to claim the incredible power that is ours to do participate in God’s incredible mission for the church in the world. So we learn the purpose and our power as the body of Christ.

Does the church really make a difference in our lives? The trend of the world is to believe that the church is not necessary for one to be a Christian. This myth is true when the church is not what the church is meant to be. The church was created to be a community of people who really know each other and are committed to supporting each other in daily life. We are called – not to be in this faith walk alone but with others. We are gathered together to build up the community and claim the power that is ours SO THAT we can be sent into the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

The title of this book of the Bible is important: “The Acts of the Apostles.” It is not about the thoughts of the apostles or the words of the apostles but the acts of the apostles. We are not called to go to church. We are not called to do church. We are called to be the church – in the world.

God has a mission. God’s mission has never changed. God wishes to be in relationship with all people. God desires to bless all people with abundant meaningful life. God invites us to participate in his mission for the world. God has a specific assignment for the people of Christ the King. We will use this Bible study to help us discover what we as God’s people in this place are being called to do.

One guiding principle adopted by the Transformation Team is that the world needs what we have. We have the good news of Jesus Christ. The world needs it. We will learn how to be the church “in here” in order to be the church “out there.”

Come and join us on Wednesdays begin August 23rd (10:00 am or 6:30 pm) – bring your Bible and together let us discover the adventure to which God is calling us.