

THE CHURCH.

INWARD. OUTWARD. UPWARD. BACKWARD.

Outward– Sharing Jesus (Acts 13:1-3) - The Church at Antioch
September 8, 2024

Outward Focus

Help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus

Are you so filled with God that you're living outward-focused?

- Inward
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Being so filled with God that you go to others

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **Acts 1:8 NKJV**

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. **Acts 8:1 NKJV**

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **Acts 13:1 NKJV**

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **Acts 13:2 NKJV**

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. **Acts 13:3 NKJV**

Being so filled with God that you look out for others

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **Philippians 2:2 NKJV**

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **Philippians 2:3 NKJV**

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Philippians 2:4 NKJV**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **Philippians 2:5 NKJV**

Being so filled with God that you love others

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, **Matthew 22:35 NKJV**

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **Matthew 22:36 NKJV**

Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' **Matthew 22:37 NKJV**

This is the first and great commandment. **Matthew 22:38 NKJV**

And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **Matthew 22:39 NKJV**

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." **Matthew 22:40 NKJV**

This week's [OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan:](#)

- September 9 - Isa 43-44 & Acts 7
- September 10 - Isa 45-46 & Acts 8
- September 11 - Isa 47-48 & Acts 9
- September 12 - Isa 49-50 & Acts 10
- September 13 - Isa 51-52 & Acts 11-12
- September 14 - Isa 53-54 & Acts 13
- September 15 - Reflection & Prayer

September 8

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NURSERY

GOD MADE THE WORLD

CREATION PT. 1



In this series, we learn that God made the world we live in. He made land, sky, sea and plants!

Memory Verse: "God made the World" Genesis 1:1 (Adapted for Toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made the Plants

Parent Connect: Go on a nature walk as a family and find some interesting shaped leaves. Make leaf rubbings by putting the leaf under a blank piece of paper and using the side of a crayon to rub over the leaf.

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THE EARLY YEARS

JUDGES AND PROPHETS



This series will go into the different ways different people decided to listen to God and to follow His plan for them!

Memory Verse: "The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, 'Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!'" Judges 6:12

Heart of the Lesson: Gideon | Judges 6-7

Parent Connect: Today we learned about God choosing Gideon to lead the Israelites from under the Midianites. Gideon asked for signs to prove that God had really chose him to win the battle and God showed him two miracles! Play 'Red Light, Green Light' with your kid by holding up something red for Red Light and something green for Green Light. Talk to your kid about the signs God gave Gideon.

ELEMENTARY

Inward Outward Upward Backward



The church needs to focus inward, outward, upward, and backward. In this series we'll use the popular game 'Dance Dance Revolution' to help us understand these concepts.

Memory Verse: The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. 1 John 2:6

Heart of the Lesson: The Church Tells Others About Jesus - Acts 13 & 14

Parent Connect: Today we learned about being Outward-Focused. We challenged our kids to start a conversation about how they can get involved with outreach. Scan the QR code to check out all of our local and global Outreach Partners! Which one will your family work with? We can't wait to hear your stories! Visitgracechurch.com/outreac

THE CHURCH

This month we are looking at four aspects, the “DNA” of the church. We will look inward – how we help each other grow spiritually within the church outward – sharing Jesus with the world, upward – focusing our eyes on Jesus and Heaven, and backward – going back to the promise God made for the church.

Memory Verse: “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

Heart of the Lesson: Outward – The Church shares Jesus with others (Acts 13-14 – The Church at Antioch)

Parent Connect: Find a family in your neighborhood that your family can be pouring into and praying for. Consider inviting that family over for dinner or to church. If your student is more interested in mission efforts look up one of our church’s mission partners and consider praying for that mission partner, potentially volunteering and maybe giving financially to them. Our local partners are always looking for volunteers.

THE CHURCH



The Church has a mission to build relationships with Jesus and with others. That looks like focusing on relationships IN the Church, OUT in our community, UP towards Jesus, and remembering BACK to Jesus’ promise for the Church. This series, we’re looking at how we are called to connect with our Church family, local community, and with Jesus!

Memory Verse: And because you belong to him, you too are being built together. You are being made into a house where God lives through his Spirit. (Ephesians 2:32)

Heart of the Lesson: Outward - The Church Shares the Hope of Jesus with the World (Acts 13-14)

Parents/Caregivers:

- What church sent out the first missionaries?
- Who directed the church at Antioch to send out Barnabas and Saul?
- Why should we be focused on sharing the Good News of Jesus with others around the world?
- Who can you share the gospel with that is outside your usual group of friends or family?