



The Church On the Go by Edd Sterchi

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

If there is one thing you can definitely say about the Lord's church in **Acts**, it is that it was really a church on the go! Looking closely at the church and Christians who were active members of it reveals how they kept going further and further for the Lord. Notice that...

... their mission was about going further "out." *Their primary focus was on spreading the gospel.* From the very beginning, the church grew daily because they continued daily with teaching (**Acts 2:46-47**). They taught and preached Jesus and His gospel both publically and privately (**Acts 5:42**). They proclaimed Jesus as Lord in every situation in life, even while being persecuted (**Acts 8:4**).

... their fellowship was about going further "in." They were extremely close and *had a very special relationship with one another.* They "continued steadfastly" in fellowship (**Acts 2:42**). They shared with one another (**Acts 2:44-45; 4:32**). They encouraged one another (**Acts 11:22-23**). They freely expressed their love for one another (**Acts 20:37**). They even got along and associated with neighboring congregations (**Acts 9:31**).

... their worship was about going further "up." They showed great care and concern in honoring God and worshiping Him in spirit and truth. They worshiped according to the doctrine that the Holy Spirit-inspired Christ-taught apostles declared to them (**Acts 2:42**). They assembled regularly and praised God passionately (**Acts 2:46-47; 11:25-26; 14:27; 20:7**).

... their service was about going further "down." They humbled themselves (**Acts 20:19**) and got down to work in selfless acts of kindness. They served the neglected (**Acts 6:1-7**) and the needy (**Acts 11:28-30; 20:35**). Their unselfish, sacrificial service gave them a great reputation in the community (**Acts 2:44-47**).

**Are we a "going" church? Are you "going about" as a member of it?
Are we "going further and further" in the Lord's name?
Let's go!**

—-- Edd Sterchi, January, 2022