

Series: Acts – The Blueprint for Church Health
Message: “Sharing Life – Changing Lives”
Text: Acts 4:29-32 (AM 8/19/07)

The early church thrived while transforming their world through small groups. While they never labeled them cell groups or Sunday school classes, house churches dominated the expansion of the Body in the first century. Sunday schools that model a small group philosophy are transforming their world today! Let’s explore the essentials.

Reaching – Our Passion Is People.

“With all boldness they may speak Your word...” (29)

- The Priority – *Reaching the unchurched*
- The Process – *The TOUCH Journey*
- The Person – *Enrollment = ministry*

Praying – Our Power Is In prayer.

“When they had prayed, the place...was shaken” (31a)

- Their Practice – *When they met they prayed!*
- Their Pattern – *The people prayed!*
- Their Power – *They were changed when they prayed!*

Teaching – Our Purpose Is Transformation.

“They spoke the word of God with boldness...” (31b)

- Our Text – *The Word of God*
- Our Template – *A uniform curriculum*
- Our Transformation – *Through trust, transparency and truth*

Caring – Our Pleasure Is Ministry.

“Those who believed were of one heart” (32)

- We must Contact everyone – *Absentees weekly & everyone monthly*
- We must Connect with everyone – *The most important ministry happens between Sundays.*
- We must Care for others – *Every class should adopt a ministry.*

Multiplied – Our Process Is Replication.

“Great grace was upon them all” (33)

- Our Model – *Jesus, Moses and history*
- Our Mandate – *The Great Commandment*
- Our Method – *Select a date, an apprentice and missionaries*

Application: How is your class doing? What changes are needed?