



CULTIVATING A  
COME HOLY SPIRIT  
COMMUNITY

#24 “All the Kings Men”  
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*For, At just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.  
1 Timothy 6:15 NLT*

### **The Holy Spirit RECRUITS JESUS’ FOLLOWERS TO EXTEND THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13*

#### **I. Acts 11:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> NOW THOSE WHO had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. <sup>20</sup> Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

#### **The Kingdom is extended by UNKNOWN EVANGELISTS**

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Romans 10:14-15*

#### **II. Acts 11:22-24 - The Empowered Encourager**

<sup>22</sup> News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. <sup>24</sup> He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

### **The Kingdom is extended by EMPOWERED ENCOURAGERS**

*Encourage each other every day—for as long as we can still say “today”—so none of you let the deceitfulness of sin harden your hearts.*  
Hebrews 3:13 VOICE

#### **III. Acts 11:25-26 - The Prominent Pastor**

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

### **The Kingdom is extended by PROSPECTIVE PASTORS**

*Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?*  
Hebrews 13:7 MSG

#### **IV. Acts 11:27-30 - The Proficient Prophet**

<sup>27</sup> During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)

### **The Kingdom is extended by PROFICIENT PROPHETS**

*Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.*  
1 Corinthians 14:1

#### **V. Acts 11:27-30 - The Generous Giver**

<sup>29</sup> The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

## **The Kingdom is extended by GENEROUS GIVERS**

*You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NLT