



GROW!

What is God growing in your life?

Learn God's *Growth* principles on Sunday.

Apply them in a *Small Group* during the week.

Sign up today in the lobby.

Feb. 28th thru April 4th



Core Values: Growth

Acts 2:47

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
 - Acts 2:41 NIV
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- But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.
 - Acts 4:4 NIV
- Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.
 - Acts 5:14 NIV

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- So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
 - Acts 6:7 NIV
- Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.
 - Acts 9:31 NIV

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Jerusalem: A Tale of Two Cities



Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

John 11:47-48 NIV

- They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

• Acts 4:3 NIV

First Phase: Arrest/Threats

- Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the part of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.
- They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

• Acts 5:17-18 NIV

Second Phase: Imprisonment/Flogging

- On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.
• Acts 8:1 NIV

Third Phase: Wide-Spread Persecution


The Giant Sequoia



From a tiny seed...



**Fires,
please!**



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After 1st arrest...

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After threats...

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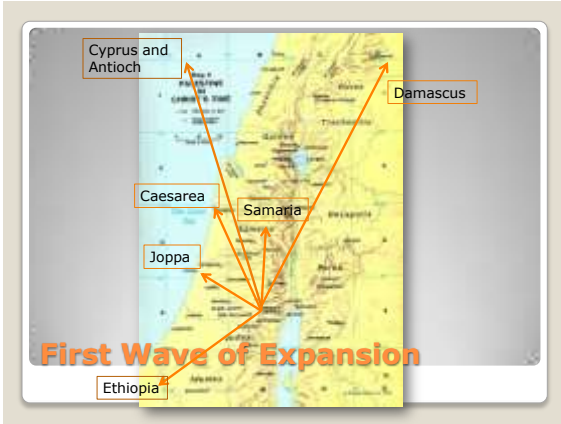
After imprisonment and flogging...

- But Saul [later known as Paul] began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison.
 - Acts 8:3 NIV

Wide-spread persecution...

- Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.
 - Acts 8:4 NIV

Scattered like seeds...





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Strengthened by the Holy Spirit

Core Values:

- Awe +
- Sharing +
- Together +
- Touching Others
- = Growth



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