



## Week 5 | October 14 Sermon

### Community:

Your history with Third Church might be just beginning or it might be long and extensive...or anywhere in between. Would you share openly with your group what it has been like to be part of Third Church? Or if you're not part of the Third Church body, in what ways have you connected and/or intersected with Third Church and her people? What have been the ups and downs? What do you most celebrate? What do you most grieve? Where/how have you seen God at work in and through Third Church? Where do you see that God has you in Third's history right now?

This type of reflection and celebration together in community is important. It's not for the sake of idolizing a building or a person or an entity. It's not about singing the praises of a man-made thing. It's about singing God's praises for the ways that He uses imperfect beings like all of us to be the church. The church in Acts "shared everything with each other," and I believe that included emotions and stories as much as it included possessions. Another reason we share is in order to understand. And when we understand, we trust more fully, share more authentically and love more like Jesus.

**Sermon Title: Celebrating: 150 years, 2000 years | Text: Acts 1:8**

### Simulcast Discussion Questions::

Does Acts 1:8 shape your daily life? If so, how? If not, can you identify why?

Do you know what it means for you to be "sent out" at this time in your life? Can you share any stories of what that has meant in other seasons of your life?

If there were no outside factors for you to think about, how and where would you dream for God to send you? Why is that? If you have a hard time answering this question, spend time asking the Lord to reveal your dream and His heart to you this week.

Discuss your thoughts/feelings/emotions relating to this thought: *"Each of us is becoming the person we will be. Decisions of the heart today forge the person each of us become next year. Your effectiveness, love and impact years from now will grow from the seeds you plant today. But this only functions as a motivation if you are fighting for someone other than yourself. So for whom are you living, fighting and praying? Who depends on your faithfulness, goodness, kindness and courage? Whose life can be eternally impacted by yours? This is why we should long to finish well. It's not about you. Your life, by the Holy Spirit, is being woven together with the lives of others. Even those you have yet to meet. Even those not yet born. So, you don't live or die for yourself."* Finally, who can you celebrate who lived for you?