**The Church on Mission: “The Spirit-empowered Ministry”**

**Acts 4:1-31**

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**Church** – Consists of everyone, everywhere, who has a faith relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Missional** – Living for the mission of Christ to see people love God, love others and become disciple-makers.

**Spirit-led** – Living daily relying on the Spirit as we learn from Scripture how to leave our old life behind and walk in our new life in Christ.

**1. A Ministry of Proclamation (Acts 4:1-2)**

2 Corinthians 4:5 – “For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus sake.”

**II. A Ministry of Persecution. (Problems) (Acts 4:1-7)**

Proverbs 28:1 – “The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.”

Mark 13:11 – “And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say….for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.”

**III. A Ministry of Power. (Acts 4:8-12)**

Colossians 3:16 – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly….”

Ephesians 5:18 – “….be filled with the Spirit….” (Remember, the H.S. already indwells the believer)

**IV. A Ministry with His Presence. (Acts 4:13-14)**

**V. A Ministry of confident Prayer. (Acts 4:23-31)**