



Sermon:

## “We Are an Expanding Movement”

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8

### Questions for Discussion:

1. What was the main point of today’s message about how Christianity began in the 1<sup>st</sup> century and how it changed afterward? How have the changes within Christianity over the years shaped the way things are in today’s church?
2. How would you describe, in your own words, what a *movement* is? What are the factors that define a movement, and what are the situations / events that indicate that a movement is taking place?
3. What is an *institution*? Based on today’s message, how is an institution different from a movement, especially as it relates to the Christian faith?
4. What are the positives and negatives of the church being more like an institution than a movement? Is one of these two modes of existence better than the other? Why or why not?
5. Based on today’s message, what role can each of us play in helping the church get back to being an expanding movement like the early church was? What are some specific things that we can do to make this happen?