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Breakout of the Church

Acts 1-7

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Living It Out: Have you sensed God has something more for Northwest Bible Church? If so, what? Which of these things do you think the Holy Spirit needs to produce in you or increase in you: (a) focus on Jesus? (b) obedience to God? (c) generosity with each other? (d) boldness in word and deed? (f) gladness in persecution? Which of these would the Holy Spirit need to increase in our church to make us more effective in being witnesses of Jesus to our city and world?

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