

Those (believers) who had been scattered (by persecution) preached the (good news) word wherever they went. Philip (the evangelist) went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed (the good news of) the Messiah there. When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs (and wonders) he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. For with shrieks, impure spirits (demons) came out of many, and many who were paralyzed, or lame were healed. So, there was great (uncontainable) joy in (filling) the city.

Acts 8:4-8 NIV



THE JESUS MOVEMENT

... was unleashed

... was unpredictable

... was unstoppable



God's heart is to send us out of the church building and scatter us into the streets of our cities that he loves.





TO "ARISE" DEFINED

To come up from a lower to a higher position.

To come to attention or awaken from sleeping.

To become operative or to spring into action.

> To rethink and reposition your state of being.



REPOSITIONING



The word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, (get up) go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out (preach) against it; for their wickedness (evil) has come up before Me." But Jonah arose to flee (opposite direction) to Tarshish (to run away from Nineveh) from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare and went down into it, to go (escape) with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

Jonah 1:1-3 NKJV

JONAH PRAYED (SONG).



Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, (get up) go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord (obeyed God's orders to the letter). Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent (to see it all).

Jonah 3:1-3 NKJV



"NOW" MOMENTS



After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, Arise, (to take his place) go (cross) over this Jordan (river), you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them – the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I said to (promised) Moses.

Joshua 1:1-3 NKJV



"NOW" MOMENTS

Are when God gives us a "second chance" to repent and reposition ourselves to follow him.

Are when God requires us to forget the past and step into our futures to fulfill his purposes in our lives.

Are when God requires us to trust and obey Him in all our ways and reposition ourselves to take hold of the reason that He has taken hold of us.



Until the church arises our cities will never rise into their destinies.



DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY (DBS)



DBS QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS:

- 1. What are you thankful for in the past week?
- 2. What is challenging or stressing you now?
- 3. What can the group do or how can we help?
- 4. What does this passage teach you about God?
- 5. What does this passage teach you about people?
- 6. What should you do this week in response to this passage (What is your "I will" statement)?
- 7. Who should you share this with this week?



Arise (Rise up), shine (be radiant); For your light has come (dawned)! And the glory (goodness) of the Lord is risen upon (now streams from) you. For behold (look carefully), the darkness shall cover (blankets) the earth, And deep darkness the people (nations); But the Lord will arise (break out) over you, And his glory (brightness) will be seen upon you. The Gentiles (outsiders) shall come to your (radiance) light, And kings to the brightness of your rising (sunrise-glory).

Isaiah 60:1-3 NKJV

