

Over the Summer months our midweek reflection offer us time to reflect on the story that runs through our Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation.

We have thought about the Old Testament, the gospels and the different ways the gospel writers tell of Jesus death and resurrection.

Today we take a look at part of the Luke's version of how the early church spread from Jerusalem to the ends of the Earth.

It's a journey for the disciples and not just in covering distance. This is a journey into uncertainty. Just how will things work out? Luckily, they are convinced that Jesus is the good news from God that we can be confident that God will never leave us. The promises of God that he will stay with us are rock solid.

But as people we have expectations. We would love to know the different paths that will all intertwine as the story unfolds. Maybe we need to

remind ourselves of the delight that can be found in taking the long road to a destination.

Today God still asks us to take those fearful trips into the unknow. Luke tells us that we are not the first followers of Jesu to do just that. And no doubt we will not be the last.

Jesus said

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will bear witness for me.

Let us worship God

Let us pray

Gracious God

We are amazed that you call us
To speak the truth of the gospel's ways
To the world.

Forgive us that we are sometimes silent
Failing to praise
Shrinking from prayer
Shying from sharing that hope in our hearts.
Open our ears we pray
Help us to hear what you want us to share
Open our hearts
So that we feel the needs of the world
Open our arms
So that we can welcome those needs
in compassionate embrace
Open our mouths
Our minds
and those doors of opportunity
that the world might hear our
sharing caring voices
as we look to speak your gospel ways on our
journey through life.

Amen