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Philus (φίλος)      friend, beloved, lover

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<sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV)

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Acts 1:1-3 (NIV)

But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." – Luke 4:43 (NIV)

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God... – Luke 8:1 (NIV)

# The Kingdom of God

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Acts 1:4-5 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:6-8 (NIV)

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Acts 1:4-8 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit gives  
God's people  
the ability to accomplish  
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<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:9-11 (NIV)



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# Mission Statement of Blackhawk Church

Building a Loving Community that Follows Christ  
in Order to Reach a Community that is Lost  
Without Him

<sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'  
<sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)

# Are you missional?

1. Do you understand the mission?
2. Have you accepted the mission?
3. Where is the mission among the priorities of your life?