

- ❖ **What happens when we have no transformational vision for our presbytery and for the life of our congregations? We tend to keep things just the way they are. We do only what is necessary.**
- ❖ **Acts 16:5 is designed to work with churches of any size.**
- ❖ **Acts 16:5 encourages churches to develop program and ministry for their unique situation.**
- ❖ **Acts 16: 5 takes for granted a desire to be in ministry in the name of Jesus Christ to people beyond the walls of the church as well as those in our pews.**
- ❖ **Remember that the Church Development & Evangelism Committee is committed to eliminating cost as a factor in determining a church's participation.**

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## ACTS 16:5 INITIATIVE

### Presbytery of Florida

- *Would you like for your session to spend less time talking about issues of attendance, building and finances?*

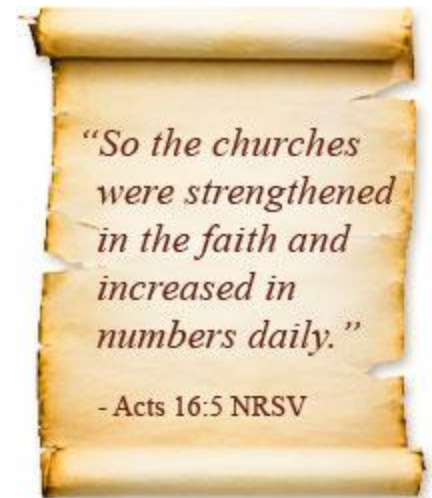
*or*

- *Would you like to focus more of your time and energy on the reasons God has placed your congregation where it is---  
the work God has called you to where you are?*

**Acts 16: 5 is a presbytery-wide initiative designed to empower your congregation to determine God's call and to focus your time, treasure, and talents toward the full pursuit of that call.**

"Acts 16:5 helped us understand and clarify our vision, then line up all our programming to reflect that. We began to weave prayer and Scripture into all facets of church life and started new small groups. Now when people join our church, instead of talking about a nice, friendly group of people, they say they felt led here by God and feel the presence of God in this place. Acts 16:5 is the most gracious approach to church transformation that I have ever encountered, and the process continues to guide us."

**Pat Clark, pastor  
St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Houston**



## ***What is Acts 16:5***

- *It is a deliberate process of congregational transformation and missional engagement.*
- *It is specific for each congregation.*
- *It is an initiative for all sizes and shapes of churches.*
- *Rather than offering a set “program,” the Initiative develops skills necessary for the design of ministry appropriate to a given congregation’s needs.*

## ***How Acts 16:5 Works***

- *Congregational pastors and leaders attend an introductory 2-day seminar.*
- *The pastor and an Acts 16:5 team from the congregation attend an event about every 6 months with others from the Presbytery involved in the Initiative.*
- *The congregational leadership team meets on its own to design, implement and assess the work to which God has called the church.*
- *The pastors meet at least 4 times each year with other pastors engaged in Acts 16: 5 for encouragement and accountability.*

## ***What Acts 16:5 provides***

- *Coaches and trainers experienced in helping congregations pursue real results.*
- *A proven process for realizing missional goals.*
- *The opportunity to discern and/or reaffirm God’s mission and vision for your congregation.*
- *Training materials for each congregation’s Acts 16:5 Team.*
- *Unlimited e-mail interaction between pastors and their leadership teams with E. Stanley Ott- the Acts 16: 5 founder- and other Acts 16:5 coaches.*
- *Accountability partnerships.*
- *The very real opportunity to live into God’s mission and vision for your congregation.*

## ***Next Steps***

- *Pray about your congregation’s involvement in Acts 16:5.*
- *Talk with your Session about Acts 16:5.*
- *Decide to attend the introductory weekend—March 11-12 at Dogwood Acres by March 1, 2011, and register participants.*
- *Consider putting Acts 16:5 in your church’s budget—total cost-\$120.00 per month per participating church.*
- *We can provide contact information for congregations which have participated in the Initiative.*
- *Following the introductory retreat, make a decision with the Session by Sept. 1, 2011, whether to be a part of the 3-year initiative and turn in the commitment card to the presbytery.*
- *Talk with Jean Silva, Terry Dyer or a member of the Church Development & Evangelism Committee (see back side).*