

WARM-UP

- What is the best story you've heard? Does it make you want to share it with others?
- Do you enjoy traveling or do you prefer staying in your city? Why is that?
- If you could visit one nation over and over again, what would it be? What sets it apart from other nations?

WORD *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

ACTS 1:8

Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus commanded His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. He was calling them to go and be *His witnesses* in different cities, which would become doorways for the gospel to be preached *to the end of the earth*. As He sent them out into the world, He told them to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit to come upon them. Today, we will talk about the insights we can learn from this verse as we obey God's call to go.

1 | God calls His people to go and preach with His presence.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you . . ." **ACTS 1:8**

(Read also **ACTS 1:4-5**.)

When God called His disciples to preach the gospel, He did not send them to go out on their own. In fact, He promised them His presence and power through the Holy Spirit. We can obey the call of God to preach the gospel, knowing that His presence is with us whether we go or stay to preach the gospel where we are. How have you experienced the presence of God where you are right now?

2 | God calls His people to go and preach the gospel.

". . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria . . ." **ACTS 1:8**

God's call to preach the gospel is for all of His disciples, including us today. Some of us are called to preach the gospel in our own communities. However, some of His people answer the call by making long-term, strategic plans to preach the gospel in different cities and nations. Regardless, wherever we are, we are called to preach the gospel. What

opportunities to preach the gospel do you see in and beyond your community?

3 | God calls His people to go and preach to the ends of the earth.

“... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ACTS 1:8

God was very clear about who should hear the gospel. He is sending His people to preach the gospel until it reaches every person even at the ends of the earth. There is no place on earth that is excluded from His command. That is why as a church, we are sending missionaries who will go to the ends of the earth. But this also includes every one of us. God is calling us to go out of our comfort zone to preach the gospel. Have you preached the gospel outside of your comfort zone? What was the result?

Whether we pray for cross-cultural missionaries and their mission fields, support the work they do by giving, or step out and go to the nations, we were never meant to do this alone. Jesus promised that He will be with us to the very end of the age, and He has called others as well so we can accomplish His mission together.

APPLICATION

- If this is your first time to hear about the call of God to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, what is one realization you had? How can you go deeper into God's call for your life this week?
- Where and how has God called you to participate in His mission this season? Seek God and ask Him to continue to reveal His call and purpose for your life.
- Ask God to give you a nation to pray for. Commit to pray for that nation, that more workers will be sent, the gospel will be preached, and lives will be transformed.

PRAYER

- Thank God for sending His people to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Thank Him for bringing the gospel to you and your community.
- Pray that you will hear clearly from God as you respond to His call to preach the gospel and to support those who are sent to the nations.
- Ask God to show you a nation or a community to pray for in the next week.



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