



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series- You will be witnesses prt 1
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You will receive power

8 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 1:8

1. Acts records the acts of Jesus Christ through the apostles in the power of the Spirit Acts 1:1-6

- Jesus chose them
- Jesus showed himself to them
- Jesus commanded them
- Jesus promised them his Spirit

2. Jesus the ascended King calls the church to bear witness until he comes again. Acts 1:7-9

- Jesus commissions the disciples
- The Kingdom of God
- The Kingdom of God is gradual in its coming
- The ascension is the coronation of the King
- Why stand there looking at the sky

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Acts:1:1-2. Who did Luke write this book too and what does he tells us about it in these opening verses?
2. Read Acts 1:3-5. What does this section of the chapter tell us about what Jesus did between the resurrection and the ascension? What is the relationship between Jesus & the Spirit here?
3. Read Acts 1:6-7. What is Jesus asked here and how does he respond?
4. Read Acts 1:8-9. How is verse 8 a lens through which the whole of the book of Acts can be viewed? What does Jesus promise and then what happens to him?
5. Read Acts 1:10-11. What are the disciples told not to do in these verses and what assurance do these verses give them?

B. Meditation & application

6. In what way do Luke and the book of Acts tell a continuing story? In what ways are they different?
7. This passage speaks a lot about the gift of the Spirit and his role in mission- what does this resource mean for how we go about mission? How can we “depend on the Spirit in mission?”
8. In what ways can we be guilty of “looking at the sky,” and how can we get engaged in Christian witness and mission?
9. Who in your life can you be a witness too? How can you rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to do so? What difference does the fact that Christ ascended to the right hand of the father make to the church?

What do these verses reveal to us about what it means to be a “faithful presence” as a church and as individuals?

Prayer: Heavenly Father. Thank you that you have given us both a mission and the power needed to fulfill it. Help us to be faithfully present in our community, living as Christ is King and doing so in the power of the Spirit. In Jesus Name- Amen