

Witnesses-Part 2
Text: Acts 1:6-11
December 3, 2022

Big Idea: B/c Jesus has entrusted us with His mission, we must live as His witnesses.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) Does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) What is the mission of the Church?
- b) What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus Christ?
- c) What things excite you about the call to be His witness?
- d) What things intimidate you about the call to His witness? Why?

Jesus has entrusted His Church with His mission, we must...

Point 1: Live WITH: Kingdom CLARITY (vv. 6-7)

Question: God's Kingdom is not of this world. Are you living with clarity or distraction?

Question #6

- a) **Rd vv. 6-7:** What did the disciples mean when they asked Jesus their question about His kingdom?
- b) How were they mistaken in their belief?
- c) How would a wrong kingdom focus impact the fruitfulness as witnesses for Christ?
- d) Jesus' kingdom is not of the world, but it's not disconnected from the world! What commands has He given us in Scripture that tell us how we should engage the world? Share these in the group.
- e) Spend time as a group praying for kingdom clarity in engaging the world in those ways.

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Point 2: Live BY: Kingdom MANDATE (vv. 6-11)

Question: Jesus gave us one mission: Make Disciples. It is your priority?

Question #7

To live out our mandate, we must live...

i) By Christ's POWER

- a) **Rd v. 8:** Where does our power for faithful witness come from?
- b) Share Scriptures that tell us how the Holy Spirit empowers us for witness. (ie-What does He do?)
- c) What is the result of trying to witness without the power of the Holy Spirit?
- d) What area(s) do you struggle with unbelief in the power of the Spirit to empower you for witness?
- e) What fruits come forward as a result of your unbelief in Him in terms of your witness?
- f) Find 2 Scriptures that describe how the gospel overcomes those sinful fruits of unbelief.

Question #8

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ii) With URGENCY

- a) **Rd. vv.9-11:** How did the disciples respond as they saw Jesus ascending to heaven?
- b) Why did the angels correct them at that moment?
- c) Do you struggle to live out our kingdom mandate with fervency/urgency? Why or why not?
- d) What happens to the Church if it doesn't witness?
- e) Spend time in fervent prayer with one another asking the Lord for increasing urgency and fervency in living as His witnesses.

Question #9

- a) Who has God put around you that you can share the gospel with this week?
- b) Write out the gospel in how you would share it with them.
- c) Spend time in prayer as a group praying for those people who you wrote down; and for one another in your witness to them. Save them Lord!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of Acts 1:6-11. Some prompts are below.

- a) ADORATION: Jesus I praise you because you are the King who...
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I confess...i) Not living with kingdom clarity in_____ ii) My lack of urgency in my witness because_____ .
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you for giving the Holy Spirit who...
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, I ask you: i) To give me faith, compassion and boldness in witness ii) For fervency and urgency to live as your witness ii) To save_____

Memory Verse:

"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

