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"The Gospel and Our Mission"

Acts 1:1-14

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

Introduction

A. Our Mission Statement: We exist to glorify God by making disciples through the gospel, in community, on mission.

B. Big Idea: Jesus commands every Christian to be his witness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C. If we're going to fulfill the Great Commission, that is our gospel mission, we need some things.

I. We Need a Faith That Produces Obedience (1:1-7)

A. Luke 24:44-49

B. Our primary calling is not to ministry; it's to intimacy.

C. Gospel ministry flows out of the overflow of our intimacy with God.

D. "Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations" (Rom 1:5).

II. We Need a Passion That Produces Unity (1:8-14)

A. "All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers" (1:14).

B. Matthew 6:33

C. Kingdom of God—God's sovereign activity in the world resulting in people being in a right relationship with him.

III. We Need a Desperation That Produces Prayer (1:8–14)

A. Prayer is not supplemental; it is fundamental.

B. "The church advances on her knees" (Leonard Ravenhill).

C. "The tragedy of the hour is the situation is desperate, but the saints are not" (Vance Havner).

IV. We Need the Holy Spirit Who Produces Power (1:8)

A. Power—the life-changing dynamic of the Holy Spirit operating through the proclamation of the gospel.

B. "Filled with the Holy Spirit" is used 14 times in the Book of Acts. Ten of those refer to the present era.

C. Each time a person or a group of people was filled with the Holy Spirit they immediately began to witness powerfully for Jesus Christ.

D. One sure evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit in people's lives is that they testify to Jesus.

Conclusion

- A. Big Idea: Jesus commands every Christian to be his witness through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- B. Are you saved? Do you know that you know that you're saved? Look to Christ. Call upon the name of Christ.
- C. The Gospel Definition
- D. Christian, are you being a witness for Jesus?
- E. With whom will you share the gospel?