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Personal Study Guide

How: Going

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Introduction

- Do you have a favorite Christian missionary? Who is it? Why is their story so compelling to you?
- Other than Christian missionaries, what kinds of "missionaries" have sought to convert you?

1. Go with Power (Acts 1:8a)

- What does the Holy Spirit do in the lives of Christians? How does the Holy Spirit empower the mission of Christ?
- Application: What evidence could you point to that shows the Spirit's power at work in your life or the life of our church?

2. Go with Direction (Acts 1:8b)

- Discuss a time when you overanalyzed a Bible verse and missed the simple truth that it contained.
- Application: If Jesus were to appear to you today, how do you think He would instruct you to spread the gospel? Where is your Jerusalem, Judea, or Samaria?

3. Go and Preach the Gospel (Matt. 4:18-22)

Have you ever been caught up in doing good things but neglected to proclaim the gospel? How can you avoid this error in the future?



Application: How do your daily habits and routine need to change to make room to be with people this week as Jesus was?

Conclusion



Why is it tempting for Christians to look to celebrities, government leaders, or policy makers to Christianize culture?



The early Christians were a "missionary minority" instead of a "moral majority." How might a renewed identity as a "missionary minority" drive the church to greater influence on her culture?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Acts 1:8

- Tuesday - Matthew 4:19-23

- Wednesday - Matthew 9:37-38

- Thursday Romans 10:17
- Friday Mark 16:15-16
- Saturday Isaiah 6:8

Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"

All have sinned: Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8

There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23 & John 3:18 You cannot save yourself: Titus 3:5 & James 2:10

Salvation has been provided: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, & John 14:6

The conditions are simple: Repent - Luke 13:3, Confess - 1 John 1:9 & Romans 10:9,

Believe - Acts 16:31

Now is the time for a decision: Joshua 24:15 & 2 Corinthians 6:2

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians. Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).