

July 5, 2015

FBC Life Groups

We are witnesses for Christ.

We are witnesses for Christ, both across the street and around the world.

Prayer

Praise God for saving sinners like you, and for making you part of His plan to redeem sinners from everywhere.

Scripture Passage

Acts 1:8 (Support Passages – Romans 10:13-17; Matthew 28:19-20)

Read the passage aloud for the group.

Discussion Questions

1. In Acts 1:8, what does Jesus say is the task, responsibility, or mission of His followers? (hint: “you will be...”)
 - A. In your own words, how did those who heard Jesus say these words live according to this mission?
 - B. What are some ways that Christians today can live ‘on mission’ in a similar way?
 - C. What are some specific ways that you live ‘on mission’ in your own life?
 2. Many people have seen the geographical locations in Acts 1:8 as representing ‘people group’ categories. How did Randel Trull define the various people groups represented by the geography below?
 - A. Jerusalem –
 - B. Judea –
 - C. Samaria –
 - D. The End of the Earth –
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Discussion Questions

3. If Matthew 28:19-20 is a parallel passage to Acts 1:8 (if each communicates a similar message), then what is implicit or included in the commission to be witnesses for Christ?
4. In Matthew 28:19-20 what is the promise made after the commission given by Christ, and how is this comforting to those who participate in this mission?
5. If all of the people who are members of this congregation will understand themselves to be responsible to carry out the task of “being witnesses for Christ” and “making disciples of all kinds of people,” then what are some of the practical ways that we can go about playing our part in fulfilling our mission?
 - A. How might you pray concerning the mission?
 - B. How will you give to help accomplish the mission?
 - C. How can you learn about the mission?
 - D. How will you live a life ‘on mission?’
 - E. How might you prepare yourself to be more involved?
6. Discuss ways that those in your group might be witnesses and disciple makers for the various people groups in the 4 categories.

Prayer Requests

Suggested Resources

Specific Resources for this week:

The Great Ordinary Commission by Burk Parsons

<http://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/great-ordinary-commission/>

A Challenge for Eternity by Tim Yarbrough

<http://www.sbclife.net/Articles/2004/12/sla5>

Commentary on the passage by Albert Barnes (see Acts 1:8)

<http://biblehub.com/commentaries/barnes/acts/1.htm>