



'Go Tell The World'

From the series:: Acts... 30 Years that Changed the World - 2/10/13

BIG IDEA

As we consider the men and women in Acts, we have much we can learn from them. They were ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives. Learning is crucial, but applying what we learn to how we live is essential. As we consider Acts 1:4-11, there are four things that we can learn from their example:

- 1. they were obedient to what Jesus told them to do...
- 2. They were slow to learn, but they did learn...
- 3. They did not forget all they had seen and heard...
- 4. They lived life believing Jesus was coming back...

OUESTIONS

Engaging the Head::

- If you were able to ask Jesus a question, what would you ask? What would you like to know? What would your question reveal about you? The disciples final question to Jesus was one about their kingdom, rather then His Kingdom. Fresh on their minds was being free from opposition and persecution from Roman occupation, so what would your question to Jesus reveal has fresh on your mind?
- Jesus responds to their question in <u>Acts 1:7</u> His answer serves to remind them of three things: *God is the ultimate authority, God is in control, and you and I are not God.* If these things are true, then why do we allow ourselves to be consumed with things like stress, worry, anxiety and fear? Practically speaking, what might be different in your life if you applied what you know about God to how live each day?

Engaging the Heart::

- There is always a cost in being obedient to the things of God because being obedient to God means disobedience to our fleshly desires. Take some time to share with your CG things that you know God is calling you to be obedient with today. Whether it is being obedient to spend time with Him, issues of generosity, service, or something regarding a relationship, share with your CG any struggles you are having in being obedient and ask them to pray with you and encourage you towards obedience.
- As stated above, being obedient to God requires disobedience to our fleshly desires. As you consider
 past or current disobedience, do you see any benefits to being disobedient? Are you any closer to
 God and those around by walking in disobedience? What are some of your biggest barriers and
 obstacles to being obedient to things of God all of the time?

Engaging the Hands::

- In Acts 1:8, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would empower us to be His witnesses throughout the world. How do you see the Holy Spirit empowering you? When the opportunities arise, what things do you bear witness too? In other words, what has Jesus done with you and for you that you can tell others about?
- If you knew that Jesus was coming back in a week's time, what about your life would look different this week? If we know that we'd live differently, then what prevents us from making those changes?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Sunday Join us this Sunday, February 10th as we continue our new series in Acts. Next up: Meet the team.
- Student Ministries Help spread the word about Student Ministries at GENESIS. High School Students will gather on the 1st and 3rd Monday and Middle School Students will gather on the 2nd and 4th Monday's. If you'd like to get involved with Student Ministries, e-mail Michael Davis at md4jc@genesisthejourney.com. Learn more at www.genesisthejourney.com/serve/students