

Message Notes | New Beginnings

Part 3: On a Mission

Acts 1:1-11

→ "someone needs to help"

#1 God has called _____ on a mission.

→ the reason Jesus appeared to so many - **vs. 1-5**

→ Jesus gave his people a mission - **vs. 6-8**

#2 Your mission in life is to be a _____ for what _____ has _____.

→ lead people to Jesus

#3 Your primary mission field isn't across the _____ - it's across the _____.

→ 70% of the world's population

→ "Do you have a faith life?"

#4 The _____ thing that has ever happened in our _____ is that we were _____.

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1. Think back to a time when you realized, "I'm the one who needs to help." Explain the situation. How did that moment shape you?

2. **Read Acts 1:1-5.** What was the reason that Jesus physically stayed on earth for 40 days after his resurrection?

What impact do you think that had on the spread of the Gospel in the first century?

3. **Read Acts 1:6-11.** Jesus called his followers to be "witnesses." What's the difference between being a witness and an expert? Why is that distinction important?

4. What are some things that would be included in your personal witness? Sometimes we call it a faith story. It describes how Jesus has made a difference in your life and includes specific examples of how God has gotten you through certain situations or circumstances.

5. What fears or barriers have kept you from sharing your faith with others?

What are ways that we can overcome those fears?

6. What's your mission field right now? Where has God placed you that could be an opportunity to witness?

7. **Read Hebrews 10:5-7.** As a group, share at least 3 ways that these verses about Jesus have an impact on you.

8. What's at least one way that you will shift from "someone needs to help" to "I am the one who needs to help"?

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#4 The greatest thing that has ever happened in our lives is that we were rescued.

Bible Reading for Today

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with ^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with ^[b] the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”