

Tell the Story

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Big Idea: Called as Christ's Witness

Acts 1:8 | "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"

I. Be Ready

1. Are we Saved?

Romans 3:23 | For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 5:8 | but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9 | because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

2. Are we Christ-Centered?

Philippians 3:4-11 | 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

II. Be Faithful

1. Are we telling the Story?
2. Are we living the Story?

Matthew 28:19-20 | 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

III. Be Loving

1. Are we loving Christ?

Matthew 22:37-38 | 37 And he said to him “You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your might. 38 This is the great and first commandment.”

2. Are we loving our Neighbors?

Matthew 22:39 | And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Benediction

Galatians 2:20 | I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me