

Movements of God: Contagious Relationships

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Bible Passage: Acts 5

Big Idea: Preaching “the Christ is Jesus” doesn’t happen in a vacuum...Jesus designed gospel movements to be _____ through the Holy Spirit, _____ through prayer and spread by _____ relationships.

#1-Jesus commissioned His followers to witness to others through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8-9)

- In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon people for limited times, empowering them for _____ (Exodus 31:1–5; Numbers 24:2).
- In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is _____, that He told his disciples would be given to them (John 14:16-17; John 15:26)
- Every believer shares the power of the Holy Spirit as He:
 - _____ within (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)
 - Seals us in Christ (Ephesians 1:13–14)
 - _____ us of salvation (Romans 8:16)
 - Helps us grasp the truths of Scripture (John 14:26)
 - Empowers us to live the Christian life (Romans 8:9, 13–15)
 - Develops fruit (character of heart) (Galatians 5:22–23)
 - Gives us gifts for serving others (1 Corinthians 12)
- The Holy Spirit works in the following ways both in us and through us:
 - He _____ people of sin (John 16:8–11)
 - He gives new life to those who trust in Jesus (John 3:6–8; Romans 6:4)
 - He speaks (Acts 13:2)
 - He intercedes (helps us in prayer) (Romans 8:26)
 - He testifies about Jesus (John 15:26)
 - He guides (John 16:13)
 - He commands (Acts 16:6–7)
 - He appoints (Acts 20:28)
 - He leads (Romans 8:14)
 - He gives power to be Christ’s witnesses (Acts 1:8)

#2-Prayers for boldness were answered with a Holy Spirit empowered witness (Acts 4:29, 31; 5:13, 17-40)

- A Holy Spirit empowered witness:
 - Will challenge the true _____ condition of others (17)
 - Is often met with _____—usually designed to silence God’s people (18)
 - Will always _____ over spiritual darkness (19-23)
 - Frequently leaves people perplexed, speechless and vulnerable (24-33)
 - In the wisdom of Gamaliel will always succeed if they are of God (34-39)
 - May be accompanied by _____ (40-41)

#3- Gospel movements take place as ordinary believers share their faith stories of how “the Christ who is Jesus of Nazareth” _____ their own lives by His life, death, burial and resurrection (Acts 5:42).

Truth Into Action:

- The Holy Spirit is a promised gift from Jesus to you--**Live your life empowered by the HOLY SPIRIT!**
- Gospel movements follow specific prayers—**Ask God for boldness and for opportunities to testify that the Christ is Jesus.**
- Gospel movements follow contagious relationships—**SPREAD WHAT YOU HAVE TO OTHERS.**

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What is something that you are very willing to share with others?

1. What does the angel's command (after freeing the Apostles) tell us about God's mission priorities? (v. 20)
2. The Apostles go right back to teaching, even though they were just imprisoned for it.
 - How does this encourage you to be a bold witness for Jesus despite any opposition you might face?
3. Peter and the apostles respond to the religious leaders with this powerful quote, “We must obey God rather than men” (v. 29).
 - What does this suggest about how we can summon boldness in the face of opposition?
 - What does this teach us about when it is appropriate for a Christian to disobey authorities?
4. In your own words, how would you summarize Gamaliel's warning to the Sanhedrin in verses (35-39)?
 - How does his warning highlight the uniqueness of Jesus and the Resurrection?
 - How does this encourage you in your faith as you consider the endurance of the gospel for more than 20 centuries after these words were spoken?
5. What sustained the Apostles in staying faithful and bold, despite threats, beatings, and imprisonment? (40-42)
 - What fuels your faith and keeps you going when things get tough?
 - How can you deepen your resolve to follow Jesus as the cost of following Him increases?

Closing Prayer: Father God empower me through the ministry of the Holy Spirit to testify to others this week that you are the Christ, the RESCUER of my soul. Help me to make much of YOU!