

BACK to BASICS MISSION

TEXT: Acts 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New building, new times. 2020 Old Mill Road. Services at 8:30am and 10:15am beginning Sunday, March 24.
 - Parents: please be sure Redeemer has contact information and any allergy information on your children.
 - Reading guides for the new Joshua sermon series are available.
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Leading off...

1. Share a time when you had a life altering moment.
2. Why is understanding your identity as a missionary important to understanding your life as a Christian?
3. Will someone please share their testimony of learning to view themselves as a missionary?

BIG IDEA: Christians are missionaries.

Read Acts 1:1-5

4. Verse 1 says, "...all that Jesus began to do...". Why is this significant?
5. Is Jesus still at work today? How or where do you see Him at work?
6. The Bible talks a lot about "the kingdom of God". What do you understand about the kingdom of God?
7. What is the significance of Jesus commanding his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit?
8. What are implications of this for us today?
9. Discuss the tendency (or sin) of ignoring or avoiding the work of the Holy Spirit. What are your personal experiences?

Read Acts 1:6-8

10. Why is the disciples' question insignificant and selfish?
11. What does verse 7 teach us?
12. What was significant about Jesus' charge to be His witness in Jerusalem?
13. What lessons can we learn from this about being missionaries in our city?

Read Luke 24:45-48

14. Why do Jesus' words to the disciples matter to us today?
15. What were the disciples and us witnesses of?
16. What does it mean to live our lives on mission for Jesus?
17. Why do we tend to complicate questions about life?

Wrapping up... Read Acts 1:9-14

18. Why is it important to remember the words of the angel in verse 11?
19. We see these disciples obediently doing as Jesus commanded. What is significant about their prayers?
20. Talk some more about the importance of our identity as Christians. Why is seeing yourself as a missionary so critical to actually being obedient to Jesus' commands?
21. How can we as a church better encourage one another in this mission?