

May 2021

Church Life

- If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you haven't done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the scooter table/info booth following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a thank-you for worshipping with us today!
- The **Life Team** is sponsoring a Life Walk fundraising walk to benefit **Positive Options**. The walk will be at First Baptist Church, Zeeland, on Saturday, June 19th at 9 am. Plan to ask family/friends to sponsor you. Bring out the whole family! Check the scooter table/info booth for more information about signing up. Or go to lpcenters.com/walk4life-2021.
- Storms and difficulties are often part of our lives. The good news is that God loves to bring healing and restoration to our broken hearts. If you are facing or have experienced divorce and would be interested in a **Divorce Care Group** led by an experienced and qualified counselor, please contact Lynne LeHocky at: llehocky@yahoo.com or Pastor John at: john@gracechapelzeeland.com
- **Ladies, mark your calendar!** We are going on a **bus trip to Shipshewana** on June 15th! The bus will leave Grace at 8:00 am and return around 7:00 pm. Plan on eating at the Blue Gate Restaurant around 4:00 pm before heading home. The cost will be \$10/person (lunch will be extra). Please sign up at the scooter table/info booth.
- **Go And Tell** is a worship ministry of Grace Chapel. They are going to be doing a concert with Chris August on June 19th with **Unity Fest**. If you are interested in coming, you can purchase your tickets at unitychristianevents.com. Mary Dykstra is putting a group together to go to the concert on our Grace Chapel Bus. If you are interested in riding the bus please buy your ticket online and also go to the scooter table/info booth to sign up for the bus. You are also welcome to drive yourself to the concert. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



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11th & 12th Resurrection Appearances

Most Important questions you will ever answer?

Do you believe Jesus _____ from the _____?

Do you submit your _____ to Jesus as the only source of _____?

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 water, but in a few days you will be baptized with 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.

Life is not about my _____. I need to make my life about God's _____.

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."

Jesus instructs his followers to witness in _____.

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Jesus instructs his followers to witness to the _____.

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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."

Life Application

Take some time this week to honestly fill in the blanks above. Then pray about who God wants you to be a witness to in ALL those areas. Ask God to send you the Holy Spirit to empower you in witnessing to those groups, or people, at some point in your life.



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1. Did you realize there is far less evidence that Socrates was a real person than there is evidence that Jesus rose from the dead? There is not one known document in the world that he wrote. Yet, we teach about him in school. There are monuments made in his likeness. There is less historical evidence of Socrates existence then of Jesus raising from the dead! Discuss this.

READ Acts 1:1-11, Optional reading (Luke 24: 44-53, Mark 16:19-20.)

2. This passage gives us a lot of information, what are some of the noteworthy things we learn?
3. Luke gives us many convincing proofs. Not theories. Not Ghost stories. Not legends. Not stories passed down through the generations. Name a few.
4. Jesus gives them this promise that He will send them the Holy Spirit, His Spirit, God's Spirit and that they will be baptized in some way, in God's Spirit. But what is their focus on? Why?
5. Right now, we are living in a politically charged time and so it was in Jesus' time. What is the problem with looking for a political figure to fix things?
6. What can we learn straight from Jesus in verse 7?
7. Jesus says stop with your agenda stuff! Trust God's timing. Why is this so difficult?

KEY POINT: Life is not about my agenda. I need to make my life about God's agenda.

8. Far too often we want it to be all about what we want and not what God is offering us in this moment. What do you get caught up in? Politics, sports, school, college, career, wealth, fitness, having things your way, legalism, culture?
9. Our life needs to be focused on Jesus' mission for us. How can we keep our focus on Him?
10. What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?

A Quote from Pastor Adam... Jesus is saying, wait for the power of God to come upon you, wait on this mysterious power. But once this mysterious Holy Spirit comes. Then in that moment Jesus charges them to DO something! Jesus instructs his followers to witness in Jerusalem. Jesus is calling you to reach out to people to be a witness for him in your own town! Jerusalem is where they lived, so God is saying it is important to reach those in your everyday life.

READ: the above quote, how are you doing at witnessing in your hometown?

11. Next Jesus says now Judea. So, God is saying it is important to reach those outside your everyday life. Jesus instructs his followers to witness in Judea. Where is there a group of people or place you could be a witness to that is outside of your daily life, but that is not too hard to reach out to?
12. Next Jesus says witness in Samaria which was a very different culture. Who is this for you?
13. Lastly, Jesus says go witness to the ends of the earth, so God is saying it is important to reach everyone on the planet for Jesus.
14. Verse 8 tells us how this will happen. What does it say?
15. Pastor Adam had us put our name in this verse. But understand this; You and I are powerless without the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit of God does not reside in you... you will not be successful, which is why Jesus said wait and then go and do! How are you doing at following that call?

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