

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Power to Witness

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Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

When we see what Jesus has already done for us:

- We are compelled to be his witnesses and give ourselves to God's mission.
- We are filled with power to be his witnesses.

The power of the Holy Spirit is necessary.

Big Idea: Receive power through the Holy Spirit to be effective witnesses for Christ, and...

- Experience self-denying boldness and joyfulness.

Acts 5:40-42 "[The High Council] called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. ⁴² And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah."

- Experience miraculous healing and restoration.

Acts 3:4-8 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. ⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. ⁸ He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them."

- Experience victory over the spiritual forces of darkness. Acts 13:9-12
- Experience sacrificial generosity and unity in the Church. Acts 4:32-34
- Experience unexplainable provision and protection. Acts 28:1-6
- Experience amazing answers to persistent and passionate prayer. Acts 12:6-8
- Experience direction and guidance as we carry out God's mission. Acts 16:6-9
- Experience the transforming power of the Kingdom of Jesus.

Acts 2:42-47 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

What can we do right now?

- Witness where God has placed you.
- Pray for workers to be sent out for God's mission.
- Sacrifice to support God's mission.
- Mobilize others for God's mission.
- Go for God's mission.

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1) Take some time to discuss how your IC has been and will live out the Kingdom of Jesus together.

- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? What was your most significant takeaway?

3) Read Acts 5:40-42. Where did this courage, boldness, and joy come from? How does this encourage you as you seek to be a witness where God has placed you?

4) Read Acts 3:4-8. How does this story inspire you? Have you ever prayed for someone to be healed? How can we apply this teaching as an Impact Community?

5) Read Acts 4:32-34. How does this story challenge your generosity? What is God saying to you about this?

6) Read Acts 12:1-19. How do you reconcile the different outcomes we see with James and Peter? What do we learn about prayer from this account? How does this challenge your faith today?

7) Read Acts 2:42-47. What do you find most compelling about what is happening in the early church? How do we apply these principles to our modern context?

8) Review the 5 action steps from the message in regard to mission. What step is God asking you to take in each area?



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