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Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Sermon Series: The Life of a Jesus Follower
Sermon Title: The Five Percent Life
Scripture: John 4:34-35; Acts 1:3-8

John 4:34-35

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

Acts 1:3-8

3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying[a] with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Points of Consideration:

As a Jesus Follower, I have...

- A responsibility to tell the story of Jesus
- A responsibility to tell the story of Jesus to all people
- Been empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out my responsibility to tell the story of Jesus

Tell Your Story:

- Before I met Jesus
- I met Jesus
- Since I met Jesus

Discussion Questions:

In John 4:34-35, Jesus emphasizes the urgency and importance of sharing the gospel with others by stating, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for

harvest." How does this passage inform our understanding of the urgency in sharing the gospel today? What are practical ways we can respond to Jesus' call to share the gospel with those around us?

Acts 1:3-8 describes Jesus' final instructions to his disciples before his ascension, emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering them to be witnesses for Christ "to the ends of the earth." How does the promise of the Holy Spirit's empowerment impact our approach to sharing the gospel with others? How can we rely on the Holy Spirit in our efforts to proclaim the message of salvation?

Both passages highlight the mission of sharing the gospel with others, emphasizing the importance of obedience and empowerment through the Holy Spirit. Reflecting on these passages, what obstacles do we often face in fulfilling the Great Commission, and how can we overcome them? How can we cultivate a mindset of obedience and reliance on the Holy Spirit in our efforts to share the gospel effectively?