



Acts

Gospel Conversations

Sermon Topic: Final Instructions

Scripture: Acts 1

Acts 1:1-5

[1] In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, [2] until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [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 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 the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

1. Do not confuse an earthly kingdom with an eternal mission.

Luke 24:21

[21] But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.

Acts 1:6-7

[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.

Acts 1:8a

[8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...

2. Holy Spirit Power

Acts 1:8b

[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.

3. The true and complete assignment is a worldwide heavenly witness.

Acts 1:9-11

[9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:14

[14] All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

4. A movement of the Spirit comes from unity in prayer with persistence and patience!

Acts 1:22

[22] beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

Romans 10:11-15

[11] For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
[12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. [13] For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

[14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? [15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

- Are you a spectator or a participant in the true and complete assignment?

Life Application Questions

1. Who shared the gospel with you before you received Christ as savior? Describe that conversation.
2. What constitutes a gospel conversation?
3. What were the memorable parts of the gospel conversation that led to your salvation?
4. Describe a gospel conversation you had with someone.
5. What hinders most believers from having gospel conversations? What hinders you? How might you get beyond that hindrance?
6. What would the result be in your life if you had more gospel conversations? What might the results be in the lives of those with whom you have gospel conversations?
7. Who can be a gospel conversation accountability partner with you?
8. PRAY: Ask the Lord to help you have more gospel conversations with people