

## Life Group Questions – CHBC Mission Statement – Acts 1:8

### Understanding the passage

*Main Idea:* Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower us, his church, for global mission.

*Texts covered in the sermon*

1. Acts 1:8
2. Ephesians 4:11-13
3. Acts 2:42-47

*Reminders from the Sermon*

1. CHBC Vision Statement:
  - a. Definition: This is our church's lifelong purpose, which combines worship and the Great Commission in our own local words.
  - b. The Statement: *CHBC exists to glorify God by being transformed by the gospel: our lives, our cities, and our world.*
2. CHBC Mission Statement:
  - a. Definition: This is the manner in which we will embody our vision.
  - b. Qualification: We embody this mission as a *large church*, with all the gifts, complexities, weaknesses, and opportunities a large church entails.
  - c. The Statement: *To **equip** our church as a **community** to **reach** the Triangle and beyond with the **message** of Jesus.*
3. The Definition of a Church
  - a. A gathering of Christ followers in a local community that voluntarily submits to the godly leadership of elders and who sit under the preaching of the biblical gospel and the sacraments, as members of the universal family of God.

*Gospel Centrality*

1. Jesus, as our ascended Savior, has commissioned his church to spread his kingdom by the power of his Spirit. Therefore we must spread the good news that Jesus, the Son of God, has died on the cross and risen from the dead to rescue the human race from sin, death, and Satan. According to Eph. 4:11-13, Jesus has given vocational church leaders (a.k.a., pastors) to equip the rest of the church to perform this task.

### Discussion Questions

*Warming up*

1. How has Chapel Hill Bible Church equipped you to follow Jesus more faithfully, and to make an impact on the world? How has this equipping borne fruit in your life?

### *Tackling the text*

1. Read through Acts 1:8 as a group, and discuss the following:
  - a. Read through Acts 1:1-8. What else do we read about the Spirit in these verses? How does this added context help us understand Acts 1:8 better?
  - b. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our life according to this verse? What does the Holy Spirit do for us to enable us to accomplish this purpose?
  - c. How should Acts 1:8 affect our approach and outlook on life?
2. Read through Ephesians 4:11-13 as a group, and discuss the following:
  - a. What do the roles in 4:11 have in common? How are they different?
  - b. Paul says these roles are meant to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. What does that mean? What are the results of an equipped, ministering church in vv. 12b-13?
  - c. What implications do these verses have in regards to your participation in church?

### *Living out the gospel*

1. Around which people do you shrink back from being a witness for Jesus? How do you need to trust more in the empowering presence of the Spirit in your life, so that you can grow as a bold and effective witness for Christ?

### *Applying this passage to our lives*

1. The CHBC Mission
  - a. Equip – In what ways would you like to be further equipped to do the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12)? What would be different about you and the impact you could make if you were equipped in this way?
  - a. Community – How might your Life Group play a role in reaching the Triangle for Christ? What goal could you set for this year to reach out more as a Life Group?
  - b. Reach – Who are people that you are passionate about reaching? Is there anything about your Life Group that might make you particularly effecting in reaching certain people?
  - c. Message – If you were to share the gospel with someone in one minute, what would you say? What are the essential aspects of who Jesus is and what he did?
2. One Person
  - a. If you met with another person 2-4 times per month to read Scripture together, what kind of impact do you think that would have on your walk with Christ?
  - b. What is holding you back from making a commitment like this? How can you overcome those obstacles?
3. One Ministry
  - a. Are you currently serving in a ministry at CHBC? Why or why not?
  - b. If you're not serving, what ministries are you interested in serving in or starting?
4. Daily Prayer
  - a. Will you commit to praying through Acts 1:8 every day for the next month? Pray that God empowers you and our church by his Spirit to make Jesus known in the Triangle and beyond!
  - b. Would you even pray through this verse as a Life Group, that God would do this through your Life Group in a radical way this year?