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Acts 1:6-11

What the places of ministry represented to the disciples

Jerusalem (Acts 1-7): Where Jesus was executed at the word of an angry mob

Judea (Acts 8-12): They rejected His ministry

Samaria (Acts 8-12): Regarded as a wasteland of impure half-breeds.

Ends of the earth (Acts 13-28): The Gentiles who were seen by some Jews as nothing better than fuel for the fires of Hell.

What the places of ministry represent to us today

Jerusalem: Geographically and culturally close. Neighborhood, workplace, school, fitness center, club, etc.

Judea: Geographically farther and culturally near. People like me in the broader region where I live.

Samaria: Geographically farther and culturally different. People of different ethnicity, background, etc.

Ends of the earth: Geographically far and culturally different. People in different country speaking different language.

Galatians 6:9

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

How do we know we will reap a harvest? Scripture promises it and history affirms it.

D.L. Moody

"I'm not afraid of failing. I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter."

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Sermon Talks

1. Read Acts 1:6-11 as you prepare to work through the sermon talks.
2. Our culture has a lot to say about what makes a life successful or worthwhile. How does that compare with God's calling for our lives? Where do you feel that pressure the most?
3. In our text today, the disciples were asking Jesus to reveal political timelines. Jesus redirects them to spiritual power and mission. How often do we get distracted by asking God, "When will you fix this?" instead of asking "How can I serve you right now?"
4. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would come to the disciples and enable them to continue His ministry and spread the gospel after His ascension into heaven. Why did the disciples need the Holy Spirit? Why do we need Him?
5. Read John 14:16-17, John 20:19-22, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 3:16. How do we get the Holy Spirit?
6. Read John 14:16, 26, 15:26, Romans 8:26-27,15:13, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30, 1 Peter 1:2, Jude 1:20. What are some of the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
7. What does it mean to be a witness? What is Jesus asking of us with regards to being His witness?
8. Go back and review what Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth represented for the disciples. What must they have been thinking when Jesus told them that they would be His witnesses there?
9. Review what Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth represent for you. Which one would seem to be the hardest to be a witness for Jesus in? Why?
10. Is there a person or relationship you have been tempted to write off as "too broken" to mend? What might it look like to take a step toward them with the love of Christ?
11. What is one way you sense God inviting you to join Him on His mission together with others?
12. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.