

Empowered Mission

Acts 1:1-8

We can _____ in the supernatural
_____ God has called us to!

In order to do this, we must:

1. _____ our agenda

2. _____ ourselves as witnesses

3. _____ the Holy Spirit

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Does your name have a special meaning? Were you named after anyone special?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Acts 1:1-11. What did Jesus do in the days after his resurrection, according to these verses?

What does Jesus command the disciples to do in v. 4? What might they have been tempted to do otherwise?

- What might be some equivalent temptations we have to resist today?

What differences do you notice between what the disciples wanted to talk about and what was important to Jesus to talk about?

Has there been a time (or times) when you were “baptized in the Holy Spirit” (v. 5) or when “the Holy Spirit came upon you” (v. 8)? What was that like? What effect did that experience have on you?

What did it mean for the apostles to be “witnesses” of Jesus?

- How is saying “You will be my witnesses” different from saying “You will bear witness to me”? (Or is it?)
- What does this mean for us?

What are some ways we can be witnesses of Jesus in our city (“Jerusalem”)?

- What are some ways we can be witnesses of Jesus in our region (“Judea”) and with those close to us but not like us (“Samaria”)?
- What are some ways we can be witnesses of Jesus to the end of the earth?
- What difference will having the Holy Spirit make as we are witnesses of Jesus in these various areas?

How can we pray for one another?