



Commission

Acts 1:1-11

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1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being totally irrelevant & 10 being life changing important) how important is it: 1) Who becomes the next U.S. President? 2) That the SF Giants win the World Series? 3) That we build better water storage or build high speed rail? 4) That Hans Solo is actually alive in Star Wars VIII? 5) That the drought really is over? 6) That your neighbors come to saving faith in Jesus? What are your reasons for the values you've given to each?
2. These days, how much emotion, time, and energy are you investing in each of the above? Put another way, how worked up do you get about each of the above? Is that investment justified?

INTRODUCTION (verses 1-5)

1. What did Jesus do for 40 days following His resurrection? What was the significance of His presentation for the disciples? For us?
2. What does it mean to be "baptized with the Holy Spirit"? What is the importance of Holy Spirit's "baptism" for you?
3. How crucial is it that we wait for God to work in us and through us? Is there ever a time when God wills for us to move forward without waiting for Him? Is it ever hard to wait for God?

FOCUS (verses 6-8)

1. What does it mean that God has fixed the times and seasons by His own authority? How does God's fixing of the times and seasons relate to God's plan of redeeming mankind?
2. These days, what does it mean for you to know that the times and seasons have been fixed by God's own authority?
3. These days, what does it mean for you to know that God desires to use you: 1) According to His purpose of redeeming mankind? 2) For His glory?
4. What does it mean to you to know that the transforming power for that ministry comes from God?

URGENCY (verse 9-11)

1. These days, what does it mean to you that Jesus is returning?
2. What is the relationship between the "imminent" return of Jesus and the commission we've been given to witness of Him?
3. What opportunities has God given you to share the Gospel with others?
4. Have you ever had the privilege of leading someone to Jesus? What was that like?

EXTRA CREDIT:

1. Consider Jesus' prayer request in Luke 10:2. It is interesting that Jesus does not request prayer for the harvest (those who are without salvation) but for those who are to be the harvesters. How might this change the focus of your prayers? For others? For Creekside? For yourself?
2. What are some of the ways Creekside seeks to "Serve the World"? How might what was shared today encourage you to serve in one of these opportunities (especially the Spiritual Survey)?
3. Take some time as a group to talk about what practical steps you might take this week, either as a group or as individuals, to engage the harvest. Take some time to pray for one another to take these steps.