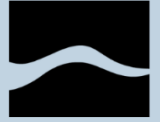


SERMON NOTES

EMBRACE YOUR CALLING

Acts 1:1-11



BIG IDEA: We must urgently embrace our calling, trusting that the Spirit of God will empower us to be faithful witnesses of Jesus wherever he sends us and until he returns.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

How do the passages in Revelation 7:9-18, Hebrews 12:18-24, Titus 2:11-14, and Colossians 1:13-20 describe God's ultimate goal for history? What common themes do you see across these passages?

How does Acts 1:1-11 fit into God's work in the world?

In what ways does the disciples' question in Acts 1:6 reflect a misunderstanding of God's work in the world? How does Jesus redirect their focus?

What does Acts 1:8-9 teach us about the scope of God's mission and the role of His followers in fulfilling it?

APPLY

Acts 1:8 mentions being witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." What would these contexts look like in your own life (near, mid-range, far)?

How have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit at work in your life or others as they bear witness to Christ?

What are some obstacles that might prevent you from embracing your calling as a witness for Christ? How can you overcome them?

COMMIT

What is one specific step you can take this week to embrace your calling as a witness for Christ, whether in your family, workplace, or community? Share this with the group and commit to praying for each other.