



Warm-up

If you could travel to any place in the world where would you go? Why?

Describe a time that you “reached out” to help or serve someone. How did that make you feel?

Word

Jesus spoke about many things that his disciples should do but none as important as being a “witness”. Today we are going to talk about how every believer can experience the power of the Holy Spirit and to be a witness for Jesus Christ.

- **Read Acts 1:8-9.** What would you say if you knew you were leaving forever? What would you say to your immediate family if you knew that this would be your last interaction? What would you say to your wife? Your children? Your closest friends?

Jesus knew He was leaving; however, He was not leaving His disciples alone or without a purpose.

- What promise did Jesus leave with His disciples? What was the purpose of the promise that Jesus left with His disciples?

Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit so that we could be witnesses of who He is with those whom we have influence.

In **Acts 1:8** Jesus mentions 4 places to be a “witness”.

Jesus is talking to a group of people that were often based out of the city of Jerusalem. You see, Jerusalem was homebase, Judea is the region that Jerusalem is the capital of and Samaria is a nearby region, In other words, the strategy begins locally!

- What does your “Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria” look like? This be your friends, neighbors, family and those in our region.
- Have you ever served “locally” on any one of the various teams that our City REACH department has to offer? If so, which one and how did you feel when did?

In addition to being a witness locally, in our home town and surrounding region, Jesus wants us to think about being a witness globally.

- Have you ever served to the “ends of the earth” or “globally” on any one of our various mission teams offered through our Global REACH department? If so, where did you go and how did you feel when you were being a witness outside of our country?
- What Global REACH mission trip opportunities intrigue you the most? Why?

The challenge that we have received this week is to play our role in seeing others hear about God’s love and the eternal life that He wants to give to all of us (John 3:16). Now we must begin to walk in obedience in order to fulfill His purpose for our life.

Prayer

Take time to pray for one another about how we can experience the power of the Holy Spirit through being a witness locally and or globally.