



6:30p Bible Study: Pastor Chip Luter

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

"Why Church? Because We Are Witnesses"

Acts 1:8

Opening Discussion

- Why does God call the church – not just individuals – to be a witness for Christ?
- How does our church function as a witness in our community?

3 Observations In This Text

I. The Ability – We Are Empowered By the Holy Spirit

- Zechariah 4:6; John 15:26-27
- Acts 4:1-22, 29-31; 6:8-10; 7:55; 9:17-20; 13:9-10

II. The Assignment – We Are Ambassadors For Christ

- 2 Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 5:14-16; 28:19-20; Colossians 1:15; 1 Peter 2:9

III. The Aim – We Are Called To Reach The Nations

- 4-Pronged Strategic Approach:
 - Jerusalem (Local), Judea (Regional), Samaria (National), All the ends... (Global)
 - The geographical scope of Acts 1:8 provides a rough outline of the entire book: Jerusalem (Ch.1-7), Judea and Samaria (Ch. 8-12), the ends of the earth (Ch. 13-28).
- Psalm 96:3; Matthew 24:14
- The Big Picture – Revelations 7:9-10

How Do I Get Started?

1. Pray

- For the fullness of the Holy Spirit, for those who are lost, for the opportunity to share the Gospel, and for boldness in sharing the Gospel.

2. Pursue

- Serving opportunities both inside and outside the church that create open doors to share the Gospel.
- Places and spaces where lost people live, work, and gather.

3. Practice

- Telling your personal testimony in one and a half minutes.
- Discover and try an evangelism method that works for you.
 - Examples: Romans Road, Share Jesus Without Fear, Three Circles, The Bridge, or Create your own.
 - FABC Training – Evangelism Ministry, Evangelism Sunday School Class
 - North American Mission Board – Namb.net/evangelism
 - Evangelism Apps – "Life on Mission App", "Life in 6 Words", "Questions in a box"
- Turning every day, casual conversations that lead to Gospel conversations.

Big Idea

“Why Church?” Because the church (individually and collectively) is God’s primary instrument for making disciples and spreading the Gospel. We are not called to be **converters**; we are called to be **His Witnesses – together**. Empowered by the Spirit, we must obey His call and trust in Him to transform lives.

Personal Follow Up - Prayerfully Consider These 3 Action Steps

- **Trust** — Have you trusted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? Only saved people can be sent as Witnesses.
- **Territory** — Who’s your one? There are lost people who are far from God, but near to you.
- **Time** — Seek and create margin in your calendar for the opportunities to be His Witness.