

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

## *Acts Series*

These questions are for the **September 1, 2019** sermon, "My Witnesses." Please read the sermon passage (Acts 1:1-11) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline

AS WITNESSES FOR OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, NOTE . . .

1. The proofs that God has offered (1-5)
  - a. It is now time for those who have witnessed the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to spread this good news to the uttermost parts of the earth.
  - b. As proof of his identity, Jesus rose from the dead, and presented himself alive to many!
  - c. Jesus Christ is alive, and his witnesses in every generation must rely on the Holy Spirit to believe him, trust him, and find "on-ramps" with unbelievers to bear witness to him.
2. The power that God has provided (6-8)
  - a. Even while await the fullness of the kingdom, we rely upon the power that comes from the Holy Spirit to effectively be witnesses who belong to Jesus.
  - b. Witnesses who belong to Jesus (my witnesses) have ability (power) from him.
  - c. Concentric from Jerusalem, Sheboygan County is in the "uttermost parts" of the world.
3. The promise that God has made (9-11)
  - a. No matter what this world looks like, or how long it seems to take, Jesus, our Lord, "will come" to gather all his witnesses to himself.
  - b. He is there now, both interceding and preparing (Romans 8:34; John 14:3) "for us."
  - c. He will return personally, gloriously and bodily (11)

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: God has offered proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a miracle that defines history for all-time. How much time do you invest in meditating upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ? How much time do you invest in talking about it? What questions do you have about Christ's resurrection? And what about your friends?
2. Based on #1, above: In our study of Acts, we will be thinking a lot about "on-ramps," which are places in everyday conversations where we can begin to talk about Jesus Christ. This will assume that you have friends (and family) who are not yet believers. This will assume that you have a desire to talk about Jesus without nagging or becoming preachy. What are your strengths and weaknesses when it comes to everyday conversations with unbelievers?
3. Based on #2, above: While we all need on-ramps, the power to be witnesses who spread the hope we have in Jesus will come from the Holy Spirit. Every believer has the Holy Spirit. How can you rely on the power of the Holy Spirit more fully? How can we pray for one another?
4. Based on #3, above: Jesus Christ will return. Jesus warned his followers not to get caught up in "when" he would return, but instead to realize that his return is "near" and that his return is as much a fact as his resurrection. How does the soon return of Jesus Christ motivate your confidence, love for, and obedience to our Lord? How does his soon return increase the importance of our role as his witnesses? (The word "witness" produces our word, "martyr.")