



Worship Guide for *November 4, 2018*

Sermon Notes

The Continuation: Our Journey Through the Book of Acts

You Will Be My Witnesses

Acts 1:1-11 (pew Bible pg. 909)

In our current Sunday School series book “I Am Going”, David Platt writes, “Two thousand years ago a small group of ordinary men turned the world upside down in an extraordinary way. A movement that began with eleven men grew to over 3,000 people in a day. In the next 300 years, that movement grew to over 30,000,000 people. Staggering numbers like that beg the question, “How in the world did that happen?”

We find the answer in the Book of Acts. Acts comes to us like Mr. Beaver’s words come to Lucy and her siblings in Narnia: “They say Aslan is on the move—perhaps he has already landed.” The Book of Acts says Christ is on the move. He has risen from the dead defeating sin and death. He has commissioned us to be his witnesses. He has given us His Spirit to empower us for that task. He has ascended back into heaven and is there reigning as King until he comes again in power and glory. Until he returns, the story goes on. This continuation is the period in which we are now living. This continuing mission is to be the focus of our lives as individuals, families, and as a church.

40 days of purpose and instruction that laid a foundation (Acts 1:1-3)

The purpose and commission that shaped their lives (Acts 1:4-8)

The promised return that spurs us on and fills us with hope (Acts 1:9-11)

Applications for our lives today:

Life Group Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

Have you typically viewed your life, or your story, as part of the biblical story? How does this shift in perspective change the way you read the Scriptures? The way you view your life?

How do these initial verses in Acts 1 provide a foundation of confidence for those who follow Jesus into his mission?

How does Jesus establish hope as a primary driving focus of those who follow him into his mission in these early verses in Acts? Is hope a distinguishing mark of your life? How does hope drive mission?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.*

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Upcoming Events

November 9 - A Night for the Family

November 10 - BBA Veterans Breakfast

November 11 - Shoebox Dedication Service

November 16 & 17 - Membership Class

November 20 - Thanksgiving Dinner & Service