

When we are filled with the Spirit and His power, we are taking the Kingdom of God with us into a broken and hurting world.

*4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ... 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.*

*- Revelation 21:4, 22:1-5 NIV*

*In the book of Revelation, we see the fullness of the Kingdom of God but in the meantime, we bring a preview of that Kingdom to the lot and hurting world. But we need to have our ears and eyes open to the prompting of the Spirit. What are some of the ways God speaks to you or prompts you to take action? What are some of the things that you recognize when God is at work in an area of someone's life, or that the Kingdom of God is breaking in to a situation?*

## WRAP-UP

In this series, we're exploring what it means to be called and commissioned to serve the Kingdom of God, focusing this week on the question, "How then should we go?" After Jesus' resurrection, He told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit before starting their mission—emphasizing that they needed God's power, not just knowledge, to be His witnesses. This call to wait and trust God's timing tested their faith and shaped their dependence on Him. As we reflect on our own spiritual journeys, we're reminded that we too must wait with expectation, be empowered by the Spirit, and go—not alone, but together—with others. When we live as Spirit-filled witnesses, we carry the Kingdom of God into the world, offering hope, love, and transformation to those around us.

## MEMORY VERSE

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8 NIV

*Challenge-. Watch expectantly for God's movement and His prompting this week. Ask Him where He wants to use you and be willing to be stretched in your faith as God's power is released through your witness.*

## How Should We "Go"? Cultivating -As You Go -Week 3

### INTRODUCTION

In our current series we are learning about how we are called and commissioned to be in service to the Kingdom of God. We know we are called to go to the whole world to be witnesses for Christ, and this week we ask the question, "How then should we go?" The disciples first addressed this question after the resurrection while Jesus was still on the earth. He told them to stay in Jerusalem until they received the gift the Father had promised, and that gift was the Holy Spirit. Because before they went on their mission, they needed the power of the Spirit.

### Ice Breaker

*What was the last thing you attempted to do on your own, only to find that you really needed help to do it?*

### Key Passages

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### STUDY QUESTIONS

#### 1. Go With Power

*4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."*

*- Acts 1:4-7 NIV*

While Jesus was still with them, and before the Holy Spirit arrived, the disciples were looking for answers. When Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem, they must have imagined the possibilities that lie ahead for them. Their first question was "When do we see the Kingdom restored to Israel?" They were still anxious to remove the Roman rule and live under the

Sovereignty of God. But Jesus' response didn't give them the information they were looking for.

*Waiting for answers can really test our faith. The disciples were told that they didn't get to know when the Kingdom would be restored. Have you asked God questions that remain unanswered? What has God taught you in your waiting?*

Jesus didn't tell them to go and learn more. While they waited, the disciples had to depend on the Father's faithfulness to send His Spirit. Their faith and trust in Him were refined and strengthened when they accepted that they couldn't control the timetable nor dictate the outcome, and neither can we.

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*  
- Acts 1:8 NIV

*49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*  
- Luke 24:49 NIV

Although the disciples didn't receive an answer to the question of "when" Jesus encouraged them by explaining what they would receive, and that was power. What they needed wasn't more information, it was authorization and empowerment from God.

*18 I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done-- 19 by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.*  
- Romans 15:18-19 NIV

*The disciples needed to be where they had been told to wait and expect what God had promised to give. Where are you regularly positioned as you wait for God to show up? (in a study, Sunday morning, devotional time, prayer closet)? Paul reminded the Romans that God used signs and wonders in leading the Gentiles to salvation. What are you expectantly waiting to receive from Him- A spiritual gift, a word for a lost loved one, a stirring in your spirit to share the news of Jesus? When was the last time you felt God used you in someone else's life?*

It is easy to fall into a routine and forget that God has places for us to go and people for us to witness to. Let this be a reminder to reignite your expectation, that there are extraordinary resources available to ordinary people like us through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

*Pause for a moment to ask God to fill you once again with the power of His Holy Spirit.*

## 2. Go Together

*1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

- Luke 9:1-2 NIV

*7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. ... 12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.*

- Mark 6:7, 12-13 NIV

The disciples had an opportunity to be Christ's witnesses while they followed Him during His earthly ministry. In Mark's Gospel we find out that Jesus gave them power and authority as He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and He sent them out in pairs.

*Have you had an opportunity to do ministry with others? What would you say are the benefits of "going together" versus on your own?*

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*  
- Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

*14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*  
- Galatians 5:14 NIV

*A bonus benefit of doing ministry together is the growth you experience in the fruit of the Spirit. We were made for community, and when we join together in Kingdom work spiritual fruit has a chance to mature. Look at the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5. Which of the fruit listed requires more than one person to be utilized? How does keeping the command to love your neighbor as yourself make you Jesus' witness?*

## 3. To Be Witnesses

*6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:6-8 NIV*

This passage began with the disciples' question asking about the time Jesus would restore the Kingdom. He said they weren't meant to know the time, but perhaps His response was an answer to their question. The Kingdom would be restored as Jesus followers became witnesses to the world.