

Sermon Study Guide

Acts 1:8

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Title: “Wintonbury Values – Ambition”

Sermon Idea: The gospel is meant to be wholistic and shared with the whole world.

Key Points:

1. **Whole Gospel:** We proclaim a holistic gospel that provides healing for humanity and renewal for all of creation. (Matthew 9:35-38; Colossians 1:19-20; Romans 8:19-21)
2. **Whole World:** We send and support people who share the good news of Jesus with people around the globe. (Romans 15:30)

What do I want people to know? I want people to know the gospel is good news for all of creation, not just human souls, and that every church should be concerned about spreading it to the entire world.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) consider being a missionary champion, (2) pray for 1 missionary, and (3) attend the Missions Lunch.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need to obey the Lord and bring the wholistic gospel to the whole world.

Recommended Resources: “*Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*,” by Ralph Winter, “*Kingdom Calling*,” Amy Sherman

Intro: What is the purpose of ice cream spoons? How does that relate to our jobs as Jesus’ ambassadors in the world?

Dig:

Day 1: Acts 1:7-8 are Jesus’s last words before ascending to the Father. What is our commission? Is it still in force for us today? Are the geographic areas either/or or both/and? Why is that important?

Day 2: Genesis 12:2-3 is the “Old Testament Gospel.” What is the good news being announced here? Who does it apply to? What problem is it addressing (hint: Genesis 3)?

Day 3: Isaiah 61:1-11 describes the Messiah’s calling when He comes. What does salvation involve? What is Messiah coming to fix?

Day 4: Mark 1:15 contains the gospel that Jesus preached. What was it? What does it mean that the “kingdom has come near?”

Day 5: Romans 8:20-21 and Colossians 1:19-20 both describe Paul’s understanding of the implications of the gospel. What is redeemed? What does this tell us about the scope of the gospel message?

Apply:

1. Consider being a missionary champion either locally or for a foreign missionary.
2. Commit to praying for at least one missionary – take a prayer card!
3. Attend today’s Missions Lunch and others as they’re held throughout the year.

Pray: Dear God, You are a Missionary God! You sent Your Son who sent Your Spirit to reverse the curse upon creation and human souls. Thank You! Help me to care for the whole world as You do. Show me how I can be involved in Your mission of bringing the whole gospel to the whole world. Amen!
