

ACTIVATE

1:8

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Valley Church

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Acts 1:4-9

World-Changers: Reaching Our Full Redemptive Potential

Introduction:

Every local church...

...has its own Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and Ends of the Earth to _____
with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Every individual believer...

...has a _____ potential through the Holy Spirit's power!

Our Context:

Our "Jerusalem" relates to our _____ ministries

- Dozens of ministries happen on and flow from this local campus hub

Our "Judea" relates to our _____ ministries

- There's a Better Way, The Leaven, Local partnerships with Alpha, Mission Solano, etc.

Our "Samaria" relates to our _____ vision

- Living Hope in Dixon, The Bridge in Davis, etc.

Our "Ends of the Earth" relates to _____ missions

- Global disciple-makers (currently Aimee Hedrick, The Hays', the Martinson's, the Rodgers', Rwanda, Mexico, etc.)

Easter 2017

Is a great outreach opportunity to our Jerusalem and Judea.... If every one of us prayed for God to direct us to just ONE person to invite, what might God begin to do through those acts of gentle boldness?

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Since the launch of our Activate 1:8 Initiative two years ago, Valley has seen tremendous fruit through our ministries to the homeless, the children at Alamo Gardens, the planting of The Bridge in Davis, and a total re-structure of our budget to reflect and align with the Acts 1:8 priorities. Have you had the opportunity to be personally involved in any of these ministries yet? If so, share about your involvement with your group...

Ponderings:

2. When the disciples asked Jesus, "Are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He did not deny that such a restoration would one day come, but He focused them on what God wanted to do first – build His Church through His "witnesses." Share some tangible ways in which you understand your own life to be a "witness" of Christ.
3. What does it really mean to be a "witness" of something? Why do you think Christ used this idea to communicate the role of His disciples in the world?
4. Have you ever personally led another human being to Christ? Statistics show that the vast majority of believers have never personally led another soul to Christ. Why do you think this is the case? Discuss...
5. What would you say that your greatest barrier is to sharing Jesus with others? Fear? Embarrassment? Ignorance of how to go about it? Apathy? Something else? Discuss why you think this is the case.
6. Read John 17:20-21 as a group. When Jesus prays for those who would come to know Him through the message of the original disciples, He prayed for them to be "one" – just as the Father and Son are one. How critical is our unity with one another in reaching our city with the grace and truth of God?

Promptings:

7. Will you commit to personally, verbally inviting at least ONE person who does not attend church and/or does not know Christ to join you for our Easter service April 16?