

Part 5

Luke 24:45-49

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 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."

Acts 1:8

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."

Matthew 10:19-20

19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Additional notes:

Message notes:

We share out of _____ story, and allow them to apply it to their lives.

The _____ is God's witness.

As witness we are putting on the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

_____ opportunities to share your story.

Lost people already know they are _____ –they need to hear that God isn't mad at them.

You don't force it; you look for _____.

Asking "How can I _____ for you?" Is one of the most door-opening questions you can ask.

Discussion Questions:

How did sharing your story with others go this past week?

How does sharing your story help others see the need for Jesus in their lives?

How does the Holy Spirit work to enable us to share about Jesus?

Share some of the open door opportunities you have seen in the past to share your story.

What opens inside of people when they hear about God's love, how He isn't mad at them?

Why doesn't the anointing of the Holy Spirit show up before you need His enablement?

Ministry Time Questions:

Did anyone need encouragement from God after trying to share your story this past week?

Pray for those who have never invited the Holy Spirit to empower them to be witnesses.