



Text: Acts 1:8, 2:38, 4:18-21, 8:1-8, 26:18, Matt 10:17-20, 24:14, Mark 16:15,
2 Cor. 4:13, Psalms 96:3, Col. 4:17, Luke 19:10,

Message: *Week 2 – Embracing the Lord's Acts 1:8 Challenge*
In Our JUDEA – To Our COMMUNITY!

1. The message tells us what is wrong, what _____ it is that afflicts mankind; and, it tells us the cure for that illness. God's message, then, for us and for the world? It is the same message He gave to the Apostle Peter on Pentecost:
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

2. This message is to be found in only one place. Man didn't and man couldn't make up this message. This message is to be found only in the _____.

This is the message we find in our ACTS 1:8 Challenge

“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

3. And the only way to know is to read and study and learn God's Word. You know what that means:

- to know the Word is to _____ our worship services;
- to know the Word is to be _____ in Bible Study;
- to know the Word is to have _____ devotions.
- To know the Word is to have a _____ with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

...open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me. Acts 26:18

4. The message that God has given us – it is good news. And good news is meant for sharing. All of us here are in possession of good news. It is the good news of the Gospel.

- This news is about a baby _____ by the Spirit and _____ of a virgin;
- it is about a man Who _____ on a cross and _____ from the dead;
- it is about a _____ Who sits on a _____ in heaven.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples...See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord. Psalms 96:3; Colossians 4:17

5. This news is good news because it means _____. And, like all good news, we can't keep it to ourselves. It simply has to be shared.

For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13

6. **We are here on the earth for a very short period of _____, and we have an incredibly urgent assignment - to partner with our Savior in His mission to seek and to save what was lost** (Luke 19:10).

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14

He (Jesus) said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15

We have a multitude of community opportunities for taking the Good News to our Judea. They exist inside and outside Heart of the Shepherd. Please take the challenge and consider becoming a partner with Christ in one of the following sometime in the next month:

American Red Cross

Meals on Wheels

HOTS Family Adventure Camp

HOTS Camping Group

Men of Christ

HOTS Child Development Center

Pregnancy Helpline

HOTS Fellowship Team

Family Impact Center

LACASA

We confess, Lord, that the trappings of the devil ... the enticements of the world ... and our own pitiful, sinful selves blur your unswerving purpose for our lives, and our Christianity sometimes becomes merely a matter of habit, a hallmark of respectability, a duty, a meaningless act in which we only pay lip service to Christ who lives in us. It's then, Lord, that we fail to live by faith and walk by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

Lord, forgive us; and then Lord, empower us through your Word with an urgent concern, a heartfelt compassion, and a burning desire to reach out to our FRAANS who do not yet know you as their personal Savior and the Lord of their lives. To go into the community and touch our Judeans with your love. So, Lord, give us a Great Commitment to your Great Commission – to go and make disciples of all nations as we embrace your Acts 1:8 Challenge to be your witnesses! Amen.

Acts 26:18

Holy Spirit, empower us to embrace our Lord's Acts 1:8 Challenge so that we will be His bold witnesses in our Jerusalem (to our FRAANS), and in all Judea (to our community) and Samaria (to those different than us), and to the ends of the earth (to plant your church wherever You lead us). Amen.

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| 1. Illness | 2. Bible | 3. Attend | Involved | Regular | Relationship |
| 4. Conceived | Born | Died | Rose | King | Throne |
| 5. Salvation | 6. Time | | | | |