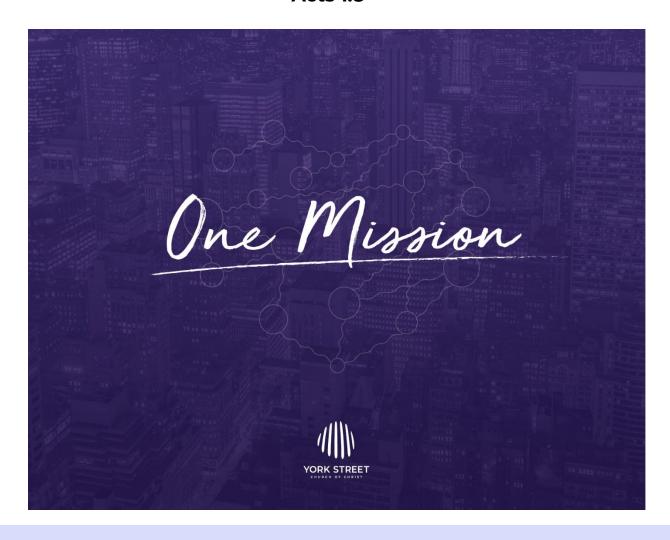
York St Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 18th July 2021

Mission Acts 1:8



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



GETTING STARTED

Q1. Have you ever looked at the disciples and wished you could do what they did? Why? Why not?

Q2. Acts is the story of God's grace flooding out to the world, from the cross and resurrection of Jesus in Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Nothing is more prominent in Acts than the spread of the Gospel. How can we reflect the Gospel in our own lives and how can we share the Gospel with others?

Q3. What personal barriers prevent you from sharing the Gospel with others? What barriers do you find in others that prevent them from receiving the Gospel? Is there another way?

INTO THE WORD

Read Acts 1:1-8

Q4. Over how long a period did Jesus reveal Himself and teach His disciples (Acts 1:3)? Where else is this number used in the scriptures?

Q5. What is the "promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4)? Consider God's promises, what does it tell us about God's intention for own lives?

Q6. Use your own words to explain what Jesus was saying in verse 7. Do you ever have such questions?

GOING DEEPER

Q7. What does the phrase 'receive the Holy Spirit' mean? Was this only for them or for others like us? How was this work of the Holy Spirit going to help them?

Q8. In order to experience the reign of Christ in our heart, we must be willing to surrender completely to Him. Experiencing the power of our salvation and the power of the Holy Spirit requires complete surrender to the Holy Spirit. Ask yourself, "am I obedient to the leadership of the Holy Spirit or do I require that I be in control of what happens in my life?"

Pray

Loving God, thank you for your mercy; thank you for your grace; thank you for forgiveness; thank you for the salvation, which you so freely give through Jesus Christ. Help us to grow in faith, and to share the Gospel message with others who do not know of your love and grace for them.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.