

RECAP

Last week's application question was: **Who can you affirm this week?**

Think about your week and share about your opportunities to affirm others.

IDEA 1

To describe our denomination, we use these words:

We are a Christ centered, Acts 1:8 family.

Together, read Acts 1:8:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

What is the significance of our power source? What is the significance of the church as a family? How do both of these things make us able to carry out this mission?

IDEA 2

- Jerusalem is us going across our street.
- Judea is the familiar region that surrounds, our acquaintances outside of our immediate comfort zone.
- Samaria is a bit geographically further but more importantly - socially and culturally different region.

How do these three spheres show up in your life? How do you find yourself being a witness to these three spheres?

How are you challenged by this today? How would you like to be a witness in these three spheres? Share ideas with each other.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Take a posture of prayer together.

Read the questions below.

As you do, notice places of fear and resistance.

Take these fears to prayer. Confess them and ask God for courage.

Also, notice places of inspiration, hope, calling, excitement.

Take these things to prayer. Ask God for opportunity and Holy Spirit empowerment.

Are we willing to proclaim his Truth in our city at times when it will feel uncomfortable? Where we might receive looks of "oh - you are one of them?"

Are we willing to keep proclaiming even when the reception is not what we hoped for? Are we willing to walk with people for the long haul even if they don't seem receptive - seeing people as people and not as projects?

Are you willing to enter communities where you feel out of place - with a posture of humility and being ready to receive while also serving?

Are you willing to leave all that you know to bring Access to a new people? Are you willing to support those that are?

APPLICATION

What is one thing that you want to do this week as a witness to your spheres of influence?

How will you be praying for others in your group as we seek to be a Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family?