

“A CALL TO REACH THE NATIONS” Part 2

Main Idea: All believers are called to reach the peoples of the world, beginning with those around us.

Text: Acts 1:7-11

"Go, be my witnesses."

1. Jesus' Farewell vs. 7-8

- A command - "You *will* be my witnesses"
 - Jerusalem – Home and local community
 - All Judea – Neighboring communities, states
 - Samaria – Other places where people are antagonistic
 - Reaching "the ends of the earth"

2. We're all missionaries

- Missionary = *someone who crosses boundaries with the purpose of communicating the gospel of Jesus and making disciples.*
 - Boundaries: local, international, cross-cultural
- **Remember:** *Every believer has a responsibility to share the gospel*

3. An Encouraging Reminder vs. 9-11

- "Why do you stand here looking into the sky?"
- Consequence of inaction: disobedience
 - Inactive Christian = disobedient Christian
 - Stationary church = disobedient church
- Encouragement for the task
 - Matthew 28:20 - "I am with you always"
 - Acts 1:8 – "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you"

Action Steps:

Over the next 30 days...

- Pray each day for 5 unsaved people.
- Receive and read an email and/or text.
- Participate in at least one prayer walk.
- Send a note or email to 5 people.
- Invite at least 8 people to visit our church.