

God Wants to Use You

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Sermon Outline

1. He's revealed himself to you for a purpose.
2. He's imparted the Holy Spirit to you for power.
3. He's commissioned you for a plan.

Scripture: Acts 1:1-8

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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."

Group Session

Opening Question

If we were developing a top ten list of things we know we need to do but don't, what would you suggest.
(Ideas: exercise, eat right, spiritual disciplines, etc.)

Discussing the Scripture & Life

1. Read the scripture passage. Why did Jesus want the disciples to wait on power from the Holy Spirit?

Do you believe this command was just for the disciples, or does it include us as well?

2. Micah shared an illustration about a restaurant waiter. Like a restaurant waiter, we're just responsible for presenting it to people. God did the work and to put it all together.

Does this make it easier to share the gospel?

3. We know that God wants to use you to reach people with the gospel. What keeps most believers from fulfilling this part of God's plan for their lives?

4. Micah shared that **God revealed himself to you for a purpose**. Those purposes include God's desire to have a relationship with us and to use us for His glory.

Have you had any experiences of sharing Christ with others?

Have you been able to lead a friend to Christ? Tell about that.

5. The second sermon point is that "**He's imparted the Holy Spirit to you for power.**"

What do you think this power of the Holy Spirit look like? How can we apply that power to our lives and God's work in our lives?

True or false? Whatever he's called us to do, He'll give us the power to do it.

True or false? He'll give us power to do things we never thought he'd empower us to do.

How can knowing about the power of the Holy Spirit give us confidence in sharing Christ?

6. In the Scripture passage, the disciples were concerned about the kingdom of Israel. Jesus answered from the perspective of the Kingdom of God. How can we change our focus so that we are on the same page with Jesus?

When we are close to Him, we will care about what is important to Him. What would the lives of most believers look like if we were more concerned about His kingdom rather than whatever kingdom concerns us?

7. Lesson three says "**He's commissioned you for a plan.**" What do you think God has uniquely equipped you to do? Who has he uniquely placed you around in order to reach?

Closing Challenge

What steps will you take this week in order to partner with God in helping someone come one step closer to him?