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Acts 1.1-11 // May 1, 2022

A HISTORY OF HISTORY

The Acts of the Apostles (along with the Gospel of Luke, which was “Volume 1”) was written by Luke as both a historical record as well as a defense of the life and ministry of Christ (Gospel of Luke) as well as the life and ministry of the church (Acts). Here are a few of the historical background facts of this history book:

- Written around 63AD, before Nero’s reign and Paul’s death.
- Luke was a Gentile, a doctor, and probably upper class.
- Written to Theophilus, probably a high ranking Roman official whom Luke befriended and maybe who also sponsored Luke’s ministry.
- Luke’s historically verifiable facts have been proven.

Matthew 16.18, 19, 28.18-20

It is curiously comforting to know that your calling is beyond your capability..... You can place no confidence in your gifts, experience, education, techniques, professional persona, credentials, maturity, or wisdom. You are called to do what God must do.

-David Powlison

DEPENDENCE ON THE SPIRIT

Throughout the book of Acts, we will see time and time again that so much spiritual growth and sanctification and learning to be dependent on the Spirit is through suffering, hardship, and sorrows. These act as a tutor to point us to the true answer, which is a dependency on the Spirit.

Hebrews 5.8 // Ecclesiastes 7.2

Ministry is challenging and often discouraging. But all of this is to point us to Christ. The more we see our neediness, our sinfulness, and the desperate state of our hearts and the world around us, the more we find our hope, joy, and peace in Christ. This fuels our ministry, our boldness, our compassion, and our faith.

Ecclesiastes 1.18

SO...WHAT NOW?

To do what only God can do in and through us, repentance is needed. We turn from our own self-strength and self-wisdom, and we turn in desperate need toward the promised Holy Spirit. As we do this, we find ourselves in the very center of God’s will, which is both the safest and most dangerous place to be. But in it all, God will be with us always, even to the end of the age.

**What do you normally do,
and what do you do because of Christ?**

-Ed Welch

NOTES:

Announcements

Newcomer’s Lunch: Whether you’re brand new to Life Mission or have been coming for a while but don’t feel connected within the church yet, we’d love to have you come to our Newcomer’s Lunch in the courtyard, after our regular morning service on **Sunday, May 22nd**. You’ll get to know our Elders over lunch, hear our story, ask any questions you may have, and learn more about how you can take your Next Step at Life Mission Church.

Please RSVP to help us plan for food: <https://lifemissionchurch.com/events/>

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Isaiah 55:8.9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 1.1-11**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read the two quotes in the Sermon Notes, one by Powlison and one by Welch. How do these quotes both encourage you and also challenge you? How does the Gospel bring shape to your response of these quotes? What is it that you answered for the question posed by Ed Welch?

Your Life Mission

We have *all* been saved to be sent. To where, and to whom, has God sent you? Fill out the "Monthly Life Liturgy" Handout from Sunday. Who will you be pursuing in a particular way this month, and how could you use prayer for that?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

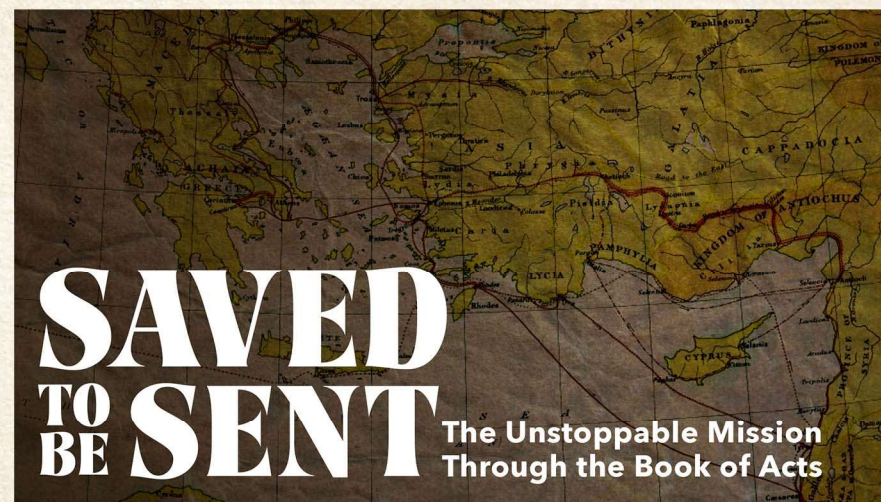
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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