

evangelism

Read Acts 1:1-11

1. What were the risks involved for Jesus' disciples being his witnesses? Compare this with what daunts you most about evangelism in your own context.

2. Why does Jesus describe their witness in ever increasing circles? If you were to draw circles of influence around your life where would be the most obvious and least obvious places that God has chosen you to be a witness?

3. What does Jesus promise the Holy Spirit will do in the lives of these disciples? How does this compare with how we expect the Holy Spirit to work in our lives?

4. The events that the disciples were to be witnesses of were: his suffering, his resurrection and the kingdom of God. Which of these do we find easier and harder to speak about with confidence?

5. In light of the biblical characters we considered earlier, what should evangelism feel like? Can you think of other biblical examples? Which of them most inspires and encourages you?

"The disciples risked absolutely everything for the gospel; we are only called to risk superficial things."

"The disciples are called to be witnesses to the good news of the kingdom... God in Christ reconciling the world to himself."

"Often the story can only be told when something has been done, which forces people to ask the question."

Make a list of the groups of people that come through your church building in an average week.

How does your church make connections to help these people come to understand the good news of Jesus?

What would be the best way to make contact with those whom the church currently has no connection?

"The essence of evangelism is this: giving out an invitation to a party that's out of this world."

Prayer / reflection: