

A close-up photograph of a map with several colorful pushpins (blue, yellow, white, red) placed on it. The map shows various locations, including 'Hughenden', 'Longreach', and 'Emerald'. The text 'MISSION SUNDAY' is overlaid in a white, bold, sans-serif font, enclosed in a white rectangular border.

MISSION

SUNDAY

INTRO

*in subsets if needed
(15 min)*

CARE

Looking back on the last week,
what is one thing for which you're thankful
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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FOCUS

Today we're placing our attention on Acts 1:6-11.
Here Jesus instructs His disciples to go be witnesses all over the world.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand

- a) the Holy Spirit's role in missions.
- b) their own Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth.
- c) how the immanent return of Christ has an impact on our urgency in mission.
- d) that they can give, pray, or go on mission in 2019.

READ

and re-read

Acts 1:6-11

[6] So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (ESV)

DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of this passage?

| 2 |

What role does the Holy Spirit play in missions?

| 3 |

What is Christ's vision for these disciples?
How does the concentric nature of his command ensure an enduring commitment to His mission?

| 4 |

After giving these final instructions, Jesus ascends to heaven, but not without a promise that He would return again.

Why is the second coming of Christ significant to the Christian life?
What difference does it make in our day to day lives?
What difference does it make in our commitment to God's mission?

| 5 |

This past Sunday was Mission Sunday at Legacy Church.
We discussed why we go and to whom we'll go in 2019.

Have you ever had the opportunity to go beyond your Jerusalem to be Christ's witness in another part of the state, country or world?

What was that experience like?
What did God teach you?
If you haven't been on a short term mission trip, have you ever considered going?

*As we conclude today let's all consider how we can join God in taking the good news to those in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.
We can give. We can pray. We can go.*

OBEY

(10 min)

| 1 |

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passage today?

| 2 |

Is there something you need to do
- and/or -
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

Prayer of Commission

