



## ***Life Group & Family***

### **Discussion Guide**

# ***“Proclamation”***

## **Acts 1:1-11**

We're continuing our series on The 2020 Vision. By way of reminder, we envision becoming a church where lives are always changing, new people are becoming Christians often, people's needs are being met, and some of us leave to go start new churches like UPC in new parts of Florida, the U.S. and/or the world! We want to do our part in the completion of the Great Commission. We are excited about the vision described in Revelation 7:9. Join us as we seek to grow into the church we are becoming, as we focus on Gospel Transformation, Proclamation, Demonstration, and Multiplication.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS (LIFE GROUPS)

1. **Read Acts 1:1-11** and discuss initial thoughts and insights.  
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2. The Jews expected the Messiah to liberate them from Roman rule, which would have made their lives *much* better (vs. 6). Do you feel you have a tendency to expect Jesus to make your life better?  
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3. Jesus takes their focus off of themselves and puts it on the nations (vs. 8). Look up Luke 24:44-53; Matthew 28:18-20; & Matthew 24:14. Based on these passages, what is one of the main things Christians are supposed to be doing?  
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4. Have you ever shared your faith? What are some of the reasons Christians are afraid to share the Gospel? Who led you to faith in Christ?  
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5. On a scale of 1 - 10; how much do you want people to know about salvation through faith in Christ? How equipped do you feel to share the gospel (same scale)?  
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6. The Greek word for "power" in vs. 8 is *dunamis*, from which we get the English word dynamite. What kind of power is available to us, therefore, from the Holy Spirit?  
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7. Discuss these three motivations for sharing your faith (proclamation): Obedience, Compassion for the lost, Zeal for God's glory.  
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8. Commit to one (or more) of the following:
- I will begin to pray for courage to share the gospel.
  - I will receive training so that I know how to share the gospel.
  - I will share the gospel with someone between now and Christmas.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR CHILDREN (FAMILY DEVOTIONS)

1. It is never too early to learn how to proclaim the glory of Jesus Christ! Ask your children to tell you what they know about Jesus. Help them formulate a simple Gospel presentation.

For example:

- **God** is holy and must punish sin.
  - **Man** is sinful and deserves to be punished.
  - God is merciful and sent His Son, **Jesus**, to live perfectly *and* die for our sins on the cross.
  - We receive Christ as our Lord and Savior through **repentance** (turning away from sin) and **faith** (believing we've been forgiven of our sins and declared "Righteous!" by God).
2. Make it easy for them (and you!) by assigning each of these five things to one of the fingers on your hand:
- (thumb): God
  - (pointer): Man
  - (middle): Jesus
  - (ring): Repentance
  - (pinky): Faith

Now have them share the Gospel with you again (using their hand).

# SERMON NOTES