

Discussion Guide: September 20, 2026

Series: **Let's Go!: Living On Mission Through The Spirit**

Message: **Go! Answer the Call**

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Take Home Truth: The risen and returning king Jesus, who saves you **from** the world, calls you, by His Spirit, to be his witness **to** the world. In other words, "Jesus **saves** you to **send** you!"

Message Outline:

- 1) **WHO** is Jesus?
 - a) Jesus is the Risen and Returning King of God's Kingdom
- 2) **WHAT** are we called to be as Jesus' disciples?
 - a) Witnesses of our Risen and Returning King Jesus!
- 3) **WHERE** are we called to be witnesses of our Risen and Returning King Jesus?
 - a) From **HERE** to **THERE** to **THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!**
 - i) Know, Pray, Give, Go
- 4) **HOW** can we be the witness that God wants us to be?
 - a) By the power of the Holy Spirit within us!

Focus Passages:

Acts 1:1-11 (CSB)

1 I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven."

Luke 24:44-49 (CSB)

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Discussion Questions

1. What are some extraordinary or breath-taking moments you've experienced and how have those experiences changed your view of yourself, God, or the world?
2. The first major question this passage answers is, "**WHO** is Jesus?" and the answer Luke gives is, "Jesus is the Risen and Returning King of God's Kingdom."
 - How do people in your life who are not followers of Jesus answer this question?
 - Why is it important to recognize that the Christian faith is not based on following a moral code, but trusting in a resurrected Jesus to be the solution to our sinfulness before a Holy God?
 - What do you personally find convincing about Jesus' resurrection?
3. The second major question this passage answers is, "**WHAT** are we called to be as Jesus' disciples?" and the answer Luke gives is, "Witness of our Risen and Returning King Jesus!"
 - Who has God used or is God using, to be living witness of Jesus in your life? What impact has or is that having on you?
 - What are some things you could share with a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker to be a "witness" of Jesus' active and living work in your life?
4. The third major question this passage answers is, "**WHERE** are we called to be witnesses of our Risen and Returning King Jesus? and the answer Luke gives is, "From HERE to THERE to THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!"
 - What might it look like for you to be Jesus' witness right "HERE" where you are (your Jerusalem), to people just a little "over THERE" (your Judea/Samaria), and TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH?
 - As you think about faithfully answering God's call on your life to be a witness of Jesus in these three areas, what might God be asking you to do when it comes to actively Knowing, Praying, Giving, and Going?
5. The fourth and final major question this passage answers is, "**HOW** can we be the witnesses that God wants us to be? and the answer Luke gives is, "By the power of the Holy Spirit within us!"
 - What role does connecting with the Holy Spirit in prayer play in how you go about being a witness of Jesus?
 - What might the Holy Spirit be asking you to do this week to be a witness of Jesus that you know will require you to rely upon Him rather than yourself to accomplish?

Time of Prayer:

Father, we thank you that you have not only saved us, but have sent us into the world to be witnesses of our risen and returning King Jesus. Thank you that you give us a clear objective for our life (to be a witness of Jesus) and the means to accomplish that mission (the Holy Spirit living within us and the power that He brings). Help us to be faithful to the unique ways you have called each of us as your sons and daughters to be witnesses of Jesus in our own Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth. Help us to Know, Pray, Give, and Go as you lead!

Thank you, Father that your heart is a sending heart. Thank you that you sent Jesus into the world to live and die to save us and we ask that you would help us be obedient to the ways the Holy Spirit is leading us to be witnesses of Jesus in the week ahead. Fill us with your power by your Spirit, use us to draw others to Jesus, and help us live for you and your kingdom above all other things this week. It's in the name of the risen and returning King Jesus that we pray these things. Amen.