

**Going Viral with the Good News**

**Sermon # 1, Acts 1:1-11**

**Main Point: *Jesus commands and empowers us to be His witnesses.***

**Getting to Know You**

1. What does it mean in our world for something to “go viral”? What’s the best “viral video” you have seen?

**Getting into the Book**

**Read Acts 1:1-3**

1. Who is the author of the book of Acts? Read Luke 1:1-4 to see the relationship between Luke and Acts.
2. One conviction we need to have in order to go viral with the good news of Jesus is in regards to the **proof of Jesus’ resurrection**. What “convincing proofs” does Luke tell us about in Acts 1:3 and Luke 24:36-43 (you can also reference Acts 10:40-41; 13:30-31)?

**Read Acts 1:4-8**

3. What was the command that Jesus gave to the apostles? Does this command apply to us today? Why or why not? (Leader: we no longer need to wait for the Holy Spirit to come; He is already in us by faith in Christ. At this point in history, Jesus had not yet ascended and sent the Holy Spirit [John 16:7].)
4. A second conviction we need to have in order to go viral with the good news is the power of the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in witnessing? (see also Matthew 10:19-20; Acts 4:31)
5. How does the Holy Spirit’s power practically help us in going viral with the good news? If you have a story of the Holy Spirit’s power for witnessing, share it with the group.
6. To where are we to be witnesses according to Acts 1:8? What does this mean for today? (Leader: we can use this as a pattern to encourage us to be witnesses locally, regionally, and globally.)

**Read Acts 1:9-11**

7. What does Jesus’ ascension tell us about His authority? See Luke 22:69
8. A third conviction we need to have in order to go viral with the good news is about the promise of Jesus’ return. How does the second coming of Jesus motivate us to go viral with the good news?

**Getting Out There**

9. Three applications will be emphasized in this series. Be prepared to give a report on these each week in Family Group. Who are you reaching?
  - a. Reach up in prayer. Who are you praying for to come to Christ?
  - b. Reach out in relationship. Who are you building an authentic relationship with?
  - c. Reach in with the gospel. Who are you planning to share the gospel or your testimony with?

**Pray**

Pray that God will use our church in the power of the Holy Spirit to go viral with the good news. Pray that many will come to faith in Christ as a result of this series.