

Sermon Discussion – 10 September 2023

Read Acts 1-2

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

Have you ever thought about your own "origin story" or what has shaped your identity? What would be one or two significant moments in your past that you would consider as crucial to forming who you are today? How do you think understanding our origins can impact our sense of self?

Observation *Discovering the context*

Reread Acts 1:8

- What is the mission and identity of the church?
- How does this mission connect to our individual identities as Christians?

Interpretation *Discovering the meaning*

1. How did the early Christians in Acts 2:42-47 demonstrate devotion to one another? Why is being part of a community of faith important for our spiritual growth and well-being?
2. The early church faced opposition from religious leaders. How did they respond? What can we learn from their response when we face challenges or opposition in our own faith journeys?
3. Why is prayer emphasized as a core element of the church's DNA in this sermon? How does prayer shape our dependence on God and our understanding of our mission?
4. What does it mean to be God's "Plan A" for the world? How does this understanding affect our sense of purpose and responsibility as Christians?

Application *Putting knowledge into practice*

- How does the church in Acts prioritize making disciples? What steps can we take individually and collectively to fulfill this mission in our own context?
- Try memorising Acts 1:8...
"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."
- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?