\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“Finishing the Unfinished Mission of Christ” (Part 2)
Acts 1:4-11
SERIES: Stretch Your Nets (Acts) – #5

WBC Sermon Notes 28/02/2021
Rev. Paul Witter
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Introduction**
If we are to finish the unfinished mission of Jesus, we need to have the right perspective: that of God’s glory and His Kingdom. In many respects it is mind- boggling to think that Jesus calls us to complete the mission that he began.

**Reading: Acts 1:1-3**

**Finishing the Unfinished Mission of Christ:
The ingredients we all need to finish the mission**

**1. A Particular Message (v1-3)**

Jesus took every opportunity to teach his disciples – both before His death and also after Hus resurrection -- so that they would understand the message.

You can never finish the mission of Christ unless you know the content of the message.

**2. A Personal Reality of Jesus in your life (v3)**

Jesus knew it wasn’t enough to just have information.
He appeared to His disciples on numerous occasions so that they would have no doubt he was alive.
Doubting Thomas became determined Thomas.
All these disciples had a CONVICTION about Jesus being alive.

You cannot finished the unfinished mission of Christ unless it flows out of vital reality of Christ in your life; unless you are fellowshipping with Jesus.
You cannot be a second hand witness or give someone else’s testimony.

Is Jesus real to YOU?

**3. A Powerful ……………………. of the Holy Spirit in your life (v4-5)**

What is the Promise of the Father?

* Luke 11:13 – the ………………………………
* V 5
* 1 Corinthians 12:13 – the baptism of the Spirit
* We need to continually seeks the Spirit’s filling.

It is like Michael Angelo who takes your ……………………. in his!

We need to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

**4. A Proper ………………………..…………. (v6-7)**

The last days

Wrong predictions about the end of the world!

* Mark 13:32-37

We need the right perspective and focus: reaching people for Christ.

**5. A Purposeful ………………….…………. (v8)**

What are Christians supposed to be doing? V8.

John 20:21 “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Not all Christians are evangelists, but all Christians are ……………………………!

* “To wit” means “to know” – witnesses share what they know.

What is our Christian mandate?

The Parable of the Shepherd

Our mandate is to be a ……………………………….

1 John 1:1

**3. A Passionate …………………………………… (v9-11)**

V9-11

What is our motivation to serve Christ?

* 2 Corinthians 5:9-10
* Revelation 22:12

* The Apostle Paul’s motivation - 2 Timothy 4:6-7

Colossians 4:17
*“See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord.***”**

Will you complete the mission Christ has given you?