His Last Command My First Concern

Acts 1:1-8



"Hello . . . I'm Lamar W. Lundy . . . I'm a volunteer with prison ministry . . . here to witness To you fellows . . . I'm kind of new . . . I'm going to throw up."

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:44-49

Jesus teaches several lessons to His disciples & to us:

The reality of His resurrection (vs. 3a)
 The coming of His Kingdom (vs. 3b)
 The power of the Holy Spirit (vv. 4-8)

The Power of the Holy Spirit

The promise
The priority
In Jerusalem
In Judea and Samaria
To the ends of the earth

- Greek word eschatos for "the ends or uttermost parts" of the earth
- It is like an expression you may have heard— "the four corners" of the earth.
 - This task will require the cooperation of many people.
 - This task will not be done easily, quickly, or cheaply.
 This task will require some stepping forward.
 This task will involve being misunderstood.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of **Christ:** for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17

Begin asking the Lord today to bring someone into your life with whom you can share the Gospel.