

Here. There. Everywhere. No Excuses

For the week of Oct. 21, 2018

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GOAL: To understand what we're required to do as followers of Christ in order to spread the gospel.

GET GOING:

1. Of the 4 requirements for spreading the gospel message shared this weekend, which one do you do well? Which one do you need to work on? The gospel message requires...

- Clear Communication
- Complete Confirmation
- Concise Clarification
- Careful Consideration
- Continuous Conversation

2. According to the Bible, when do believers receive the Holy Spirit? What's going on in Acts 8 as there seems to be a gap between belief and reception of the Holy Spirit?

3. As Christians, we're required to share the gospel with others. When was the first time someone shared the gospel with you? When was the last time you shared your faith with someone else?

4. We need to be clear when we talk about the gospel. Is there any area of the gospel message that you need clarity on? If so, which brother or sister in Christ who is further along in their faith journey can you talk to in order to gain more clarity?



KEEP GROWING:

5. Review the 5 markers of gospel living. Are these markers of your life? In which area do you need to grow?

- I understand the gospel fully
- I've accepted the gospel truly
- I'm growing in the gospel exclusively
- I'm living the gospel faithfully
- I'm sharing the gospel boldly

6. Read Acts 8:9-13 again. Notice how baptism follows belief in Jesus. Have you been baptized? If so, what was that experience like and how has your life been since that public declaration of faith? If not, what's holding you back from taking that step of faith?

7. As we carefully consider who in our lives needs to hear about the hope that Jesus offers, who might the Holy Spirit be bringing to mind for you? Ask for God to reveal at least three names in your circle of influence to you and to have an opportunity to speak with them in the next few weeks.

8. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Amidst our calling as followers of Christ to spread the gospel, we need to repent of our own sin so that nothing holds us back. What sin do you need to let go of and lay down at the cross? Pray and confess this to God immediately. If you're comfortable, share and confess this with a close brother or sister in Christ.

Bonus Challenge: Next weekend is Baptism Weekend at Highpoint. If you haven't already, take the step of faith to get baptized and publicly declare your faith in Jesus Christ. For more info, email info@highpoint.church.

Memory Verse: *"But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12).*

