

The New Normal | Acts 1:4-26 2021 Spring Toolkit #3

Announcement: Did you know? Women's ministry is having a gathering April 24th. Encore ministry is having an event May 15th. Both at Harrison Lane. See the Website for details.

Facilitating Tip: Plan to prepare for discussion by working through the questions first and then choosing which ones will be best for discussion in your group. Questions are sequenced to be Fact questions, Truth Questions and Application Questions. You might ask a variety of types. Fact and truth questions are usually less intimidating to answer. Application questions lead to rich discussion.

My Story

These questions help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Are you comfortable praying aloud? Describe a time when someone prayed for you aloud?
- 2) How have you seen God at work this week?

Digging Deeper

These questions are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few.

Read Acts 1:4-8

- 1) What promise and what command is given in Acts 1:8. How could you apply these to yourself?
- 2) How could the terms "Judea", Samaria" and "ends of the earth" be applied to your environments?
- 3) What does it look like to have a gospel-centered witness through your words and actions?
- 4) Explain how your witness is different when the Spirit is **in** you and **with** you? (John 14:17)?

Read Acts 1:9-11

- 5) What encouragement did the disciples receive from the angels?
- 6) How did the angels say Jesus would return? What does that mean?
- 7) How can you be more eager for his return?

Read : Acts 1:12-14

- 8) Who are the people that prayed together and what can you learn from that?

- 9) Where can you practice corporate prayer more?

Read Acts 1:15-26

- 10) What Old testament T Passages did Peter use to form his next steps in ministry?
- 11) Where do you need to submit to the guidance of scripture in your family? in God's work? In your workplace?

Responding to Jesus

These questions are meant for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

1. Is there something in the center of my life that is not the gospel?
2. How can praying together make me more relationally connected with folks in my life?

Further Challenge

1. Memorize Acts 1:8 and share it with one other person this week.

Sermon Notes:
Dave Gruhn: April 17th/18th
The New Normal: “My New Normal” Acts 1:5-26

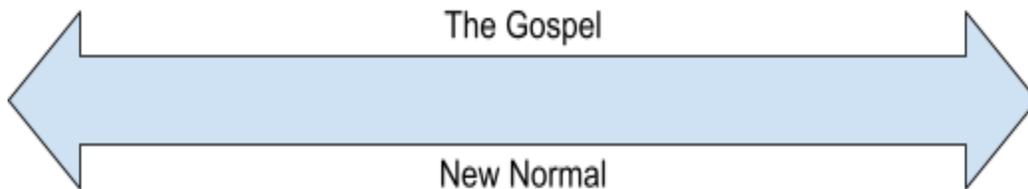
Big Idea: “The Gospel” is the center of my new normal.

“The Gospel” = Jesus saves & transforms

The first followers of Jesus were Gospel-centered:

- Witnesses to the “good news” (v. 6-11)
- United and active in prayer (v. 12-14)
- Fully committed to the Scriptures (v. 15-16)

Am I experiencing a new normal?



Two Rivers' Core Values

Gospel-centered -- Word-dependent -- Spirit-empowered -- Relationally Connected

Next Steps:

Re-read Acts 1 asking, “God what do you want to teach me?”
Where do I see the Gospel at work?