



# GAME ON

## *We Are All Witnesses*

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# Week 2

## 2 of 4

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**Bottom Line:** For God so loved the world. It's a "world thing." We're responsible to go!

**Icebreaker:** Each member share the farthest they have been from home, and why they were there.

**Key Verse:** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Acts 1:8

When a boss is leaving town for a business trip, he/she leaves instructions on how to successfully continue the mission during his/her absence. When parents are about to leave for a few hours, they give their children instructions on what to do while they are gone, and tell them they love them. It's the most important thing on their minds. When recounting the story of a loved one's death, the storyteller is always expected to tell what the loved one's last words were—what was on his mind.

Acts 1:8 is one of the accounts of the last words of Jesus before He left this earth to return to heaven. He had been here for approximately 33 years on mission, and the ones He had chosen who followed Him, the ones to whom He was committing the vision, were with Him. They had seen His mighty power through His death and resurrection, so they were now really wanting Him to exercise His power in another way. They kept asking Him, "Lord, when are you going to finish the job? When are you going to create Your kingdom?"

His response was two-fold. First, He told them that restoring Israel was one thing—the dates for that were only under the Father's authority. Then, He told them the establishing of the kingdom was coming! Even more significant, they were central to the fulfillment of that mission. They would be His witnesses, taking the message of freedom, salvation, and life to the ends of the earth, starting in their own hometown. Those words were given through them to all of us. When we pray, "Your kingdom come," we are actually praying a prayer that He invited us to answer. We answer it as we take the Good News of what He has done in our lives, and can do for others, to our friends and family, and then outward to the whole world.

## THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most specifically from the weekend message?

Is it easier for you to share Jesus with those in your own family/your close friends, or with people you don't know so well? Why?

Have you ever shared Jesus cross-culturally, with people who are significantly different than you? Who? What was difficult? What was rewarding?

How are you currently participating in impacting people beyond NewPointe Church in NE Ohio and the rest of the U.S.?

How are you currently participating in reaching to the ends of the earth?

## LOOK IT OVER <<<

Matthew 28:18-20 records Jesus promising us His authority would be ours because He is sending us. What does it mean to you to be on mission under His direction and authority?

He also told us that our activity as we went out into the world was "making disciples." What does that mean to you? Making disciples is a process. What part of the process are you particularly gifted in? Sharing/winning, building, equipping?

Jesus said that our ability comes from His presence with us. How do you keep yourself in touch with His presence in order to be part of this process?

Which of the eight needs of the world move you most: shelter, water, food, education, clothing, trade, spiritual, medical? How will you get involved?

## NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Which of the eight needs could your group specifically care and pray about?
- 2) Pick something to do together.

## EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Day 1: Matthew 9:37-38

Day 2: John 3:16; John 17:18

Day 3: Isaiah 6:8

Day 4: Psalm 105:1

Day 5: Matthew 5:14

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***  
*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*