



Serve, Support, Strengthen

Bible Study Topic: Apostolic Work in a Rapidly Changing World

Welcome everyone – 1 min

Suggest feedback on answered prayer – 5 - 10min

Time of Bible study – 40 minutes

1. Introduction to the Bible Study

Are Christians still relevant? Even in a changing world, we NEED to be relevant as part of the Great Commission.

Discuss the rate of change in the world.

Opening Question: What are the top three biggest changes in our world in the last few years?

Possible answers: AI, remote working, wars, climate change, electricity, pandemics

Discussion: How have these changes influenced Christianity?

Possible answers: Online church, social media evangelism, Christian resources, LGBTQ movements, Pride movement.

2. What Do Christians Have That the World Wants?

Discussion: Explore what Christianity offers that is desirable in today's world (*e.g., peace, hope, community, purpose*).

3. Understanding Apostolic Work

Definition: Apostolic work involves spreading the teachings of Jesus and making disciples. It's about being sent out with a mission.

Scripture Reading: (ask if someone would like to read the passages)

Matthew 28:19-20. Identify the three actions Jesus commands (*Go, make disciples, baptize in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit*).

Acts 1:8. Discuss the relationship between the power of the Holy Spirit and being a witness for Christ.

What Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth mean? (*those in your closest circles, family, friends; those you don't know; those who are different, even looked down on*)

4. The Role of Christians Today

Scripture Reading:



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Ephesians 2:10. What is the work of the saints?

Ephesians 4:11-13. The purpose of church leadership in equipping the saints.

Discussion: The Bible talks about being a disciple, not just a convert. What does this mean?

Application: If we have limited contact with non-Christians, how should we approach evangelism? Consider Paul's example in prison.

5. Prophetic Work vs. Prediction

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 19:10. Understanding the prophetic as the revelation of Jesus.

Discussion: How does this help us determine a true prophetic word?

6. The Power of Praise in Difficult Times

Scripture Reading:

Acts 16:22-40. Why was Paul praising God in prison? What was the result?

Discussion: Why should we praise God in bad times? Share personal testimonies of God's touch in dark times.

7. The 10/40 Window

Discussion: The concept of the 10/40 window and its relevance today. How does the 10/40 window reflect need in the mission field today? (Focusing on younger generations worldwide).

8. Practical Application

Question: The world seems to be getting darker; how can we be a brighter light?

Group Activity: Develop practical ways to be a positive influence in your community, workplace, or online.

9. Closing Prayer

Ask if there are any prayer needs from the group that they would like to share. Reminder to keep information confidential and light, be aware that sensitive information shared might make the person regret that they shared if the group is too big, or doesn't trust each other fully yet.

Pray for strength, wisdom, and opportunities to be effective in apostolic work.