

DAILY READING PLAN



Week of January 16, 2022

Planting Hope: In Our Backyard

Deuteronomy 24:19-22

Day One | Read Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- This week we're diving deep into one single verse. What does it mean to you to be a witness for Jesus? Does it include words? Actions? Who has been an effective witness in your life? What can you learn from their example?

Day Two | Read Acts 1:8

- Jesus first called his disciples to be witnesses right where they lived, in Jerusalem. What is your "Jerusalem"? In other words, where is Jesus calling you to be a witness? It could be your classroom, your place of work, your neighborhood or senior complex. What is it for you? Pray for your "Jerusalem" today.

Day Three | Read Acts 1:8

- If being a witness means caring for others as Jesus did, what are the needs in your "Jerusalem"? In other words, what are the needs in the area to which Jesus has called you to serve? If you aren't sure, how might you find out?

Day Four | Read Acts 1:8

- If being a witness to Jesus means caring for the needs of those within your "Jerusalem," how is the Spirit calling you to respond to those needs? Don't focus on what you can't do; focus on what you can do. How can you steward the resources that God has placed in your care to reflect God's heart to others?

Day Five | Read Acts 1:8

- Notice that you are not alone in the work of bearing witness to Jesus' love and care. You are empowered by the Holy Spirit. What doubts or insecurities do you have about being a witness? Tell the Spirit about them in prayer. Then do what you can do and trust the Spirit to do what you can't.