



REALife Application

Our "Mission Critical" **Acts 1:1-26**

Setting the Stage: Jesus secured the Kingdom by His death and resurrection.

Seeing the "Mission Critical": World Evangelization is Mission Critical to the establishment of the Kingdom.

Securing the Team: God's call to His people is: to be deployed as Spirit-empowered witnesses.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Am I living in anticipation of God's Kingdom?
2. Am I looking for a blessing or to be a blessing?
3. Am I praying daily for God to use me as an effective witness?

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Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. Read the prologue to Luke's gospel. Luke (1:1-4) Compare it to the prologue of Acts. Acts (1:1-3) How do these books, written by the same author, fit together?
2. Is the Kingdom of God an important issue in Acts or a minor one? See Acts 1:3, 8:12, 19:8, 20:25, 23:23&31. How does the call to "be witnesses" impact the concept of the Kingdom?
3. Look at Acts 1:8. Based on this verse, what should the mission and focus of every church be?
4. Answer the three questions in the "Reflection" section. How well are you living out the last words of Jesus?

Memory 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 1:7-8