



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday May 16th, 2021

The Ends of the Earth

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- The Gospel going to the ends of the earth full of people leaving comfort behind - Full of stories of unbelievable faith - ordinary people
- **Why is comfort so important to us?**
It minimizes stress and risk
* living stress and risk free can become our idol.
- Living a Jesus-trusting life rearranges our values - we prioritize Jesus words and leading in our lives.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 8:1

- **Where are the ends of the earth?**
The open-ended nature is intentional.

- Saint Patrick's Story

“Now the Gospel has been preached to the ends of the earth, to a place beyond which no one lives.”

- **The Ends of the Earth keeps expanding**
- If we are going to have Jesus' last words as our first priority: “you will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth” where does that leave us?
- **What are the Ends of the Earth for you and me?**

“It's all about people. Not a geographical location. It's about a person hearing the gospel in the language they understand best.”

“My job is to love.”

Across: - the street

- the cultural divide

- the table

- the hard places

- the places where faith has been forgotten

- the globe to those who have still not heard

• **We are all called - we are all equipped - will we go?**

• Movement of the Gospel going to the ends of the earth is full of ordinary people who made Jesus' last words their first priority.

• **Will we make Jesus words our first priority?**

Who is your One More?

Labor in Prayer - Consumer vs Contender

Where are your ends of the earth?

Who is God calling you to?

Do you have an openness to go?

Are you willing to count the cost?

Will you have faith in God for the results?

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

THIS WEEK: “To The Ends Of The Earth” Acts 8

We may go to a different geographic location. We may speak to a different generation within our own culture, or we may share with a neighbor of a different cultural background, over our back fence or kitchen table. In all these ways, if we follow Jesus, we can be missionaries to the ends of the earth. We must be - love demands it!

DISCUSSION

1. If you are a Jesus follower, how does the title “missionary” sit with you?
2. What surprised, challenged, encouraged or motivated you about this Sunday’s message?
3. What’s your response to this weekend’s comment, “If I idolize comfort and minimal stress I stay in my own circles because that’s what is easiest for me.”
4. Discuss this observation by Karl Faase:

“You know, in the past, missionaries used to get onto boats and planes to go to the ends of the earth. But now the ends of the earth have come to our large cities. Going to the ends of the earth may mean simply crossing the street.”
5. What are the implications of the above quote for the local church? For you?

At Cold Springs we talk about our **“One More”**- that person God has placed in your life to LOVE:

Labor in Prayer.

Offer to help.

Verbalize your story.

Encourage to engage.

6. How has praying for someone affected how you interact with them? Have your group support you in prayer and engagement with your *One More*.

ACTION

Living a Jesus-trusting life rearranges our values - we prioritize Jesus' words and leading in our lives. Movement of the Gospel going to the ends of the earth is full of **ordinary people who make Jesus' last words their first priority.**

7. Who will you reach out to? Consider the following:

- Across the street
- Across the cultural divide
- Across the table
- Across the hard places
- Across the places where faith has been forgotten
- Across the globe to those who have still not heard

