From the message on August 13

Pneuma: The Holy Spirit Helps Us Represent Christ Well

Text   Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:7-9

From the Sermon
The Holy Spirit works in our lives to be witnesses of Jesus so others can find communion with God and experience the same Spirit's work in their lives. Said differently, we have a mission to make God known in our world. The Holy Spirit in us is the plan <u>and</u> the power we need.

What if I struggle with wanting to witness? To do anything? Think of this picture:
Affection for Christ + willing to walk with the Spirit = compassionate engagement

Opening Interaction
What does it take for you to believe what someone else says?
How are things like credibility or trust established?

Read the passage and Discuss
In this passage, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?
What is the author communicating to his audience (the readers)?
What does this passage teach us about Jesus mattering most?

- ❖ What brought you here, to one of the St Charles, St. Louis, or Lincoln Counties? And, have you considered that as God's work in your life?
- ❖ How are you learning to rely on the Spirit for power in life? What lessons would you share with each other?
- ❖ Why is it important that your relationship with Jesus be the foundation of your representation of Jesus in the world?

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer
Pray for courage to represent Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for Student Ministry! Their search for a permanent Director is in its early stages.

Pray for Women's Ministry, too. Several Fall opportunities are launching this month.

Also pray for these next steps forward for Calvary:
1. Updated By-laws will be voted on by the church in August.
2. A permanent Lead Pastor Search will begin after By-laws are adopted.
3. The Reconciliation Team continues to seek Jesus' peace with hurt members.
4. The Finance Team has updated the church faithfully, and we can expect that God will teach us about following Jesus into generosity and stewardship, simultaneously.