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Sermon-Based Discussion Guide
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My Witness - Week 2 - Personal Call

Acts 1:1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying[a] with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** 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."

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Stats:

- 40% of the world is unreached with the gospel
- 3% of missionaries go there (12,000 to reach almost 3 billion)
- 1% of missions funding goes there (1 penny of 1 dollar goes to these areas)

Other passages: A

Connect: Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care: Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. When you hear the word *family*, what comes to mind first—comfort, responsibility, joy, tension, or something else?
2. How does thinking of the church as a **family on mission**, rather than an organization, change how you hear the Great Commission?
3. Regarding the stats above, that were quoted in the sermon, Alex said, *"This is not guilt; this is awareness."* How do you personally tell the difference between conviction and guilt?
4. The sermon emphasized that *"go"* means *"as you are going."* What might movement look like in your current season of life?
5. What stood out to you from the story of the Dawei people or Daniel from Afghanistan?

Clarify: Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate: Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

Key Takeaways