

Psalm 96 Why?

This is our 9th and final message in our RISK sermon series. We have been answering 6 questions of Acts 1:8.

1. **Who?** Jesus' followers both then and now
2. **What?** What are we to be as Jesus followers? Witnesses: A witness is one who has such a personal experience with, knowledge of, and relationship with Christ that they are willing to lay down their lives and their all for Christ and His Great Commission.
3. **When?** When are we to be His witnesses?
 - a. When the Holy Spirit has come upon us. How do we know when that happens?
 - b. When we see the world as Jesus sees it, feel what Jesus feels and begin to pray earnestly, "Lord, send laborers into the harvest...and here am I, send me!"
4. **Where?** Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth
5. **How?**
 - a. Praying, giving, going, and sending as we think about the ends of the earth
 - b. Locally we
 1. Sow broadly
 2. Harvest deliberately *Wednesday at 6 D Group*
 3. Disciple intensively *Lanching in Fellowship Hall*
 4. Group strategically
 5. Replicate continually
6. Now we come to the final question. **Why?**

2 Primary reasons that we will see from Psalm 96

1. Our World
2. Our God

READ/PRAY

There are 2 primary reasons that we must give our lives to obeying Acts 1:8 and fulfilling the Great Commission....*I want you to keep your Bible's open in front you so you can see it with me.*

I. Our World

Our world needs the gospel message. It is really the only hope for our world. The good news of Jesus Christ is the answer to...

1. Abortion
2. Gender Confusion
3. Sexual immorality of all kinds
4. Racism
5. Family dysfunction
6. Poverty, pain, sickness....and even death.
7. As a matter of fact, I don't know of anything that the gospel of Jesus Christ isn't the answer to!

Our world needs the gospel message and God, in His wisdom, has designed the Great Commission in such a way that **we** are needed to get that message to them. The Great Commission requires us.

1. Not because God "needs" us, but because He has designed it this way
2. He has chosen to use us to get His gospel to the ends of the earth

We must open our Mouths

1. Sing v1
2. Proclaim v2
3. Tell v3
4. Say v10

We must we open our mouths with...

1. Our Testimony: A new song v1
2. God's Praise: A blessing v2a
3. The Gospel: good tidings of salvation v2b
4. His power and authority: v10

We must we open our mouths....

1. Day by Day v2b
2. Acts 2:47 *And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

We must we open our mouths.....

1. Among all nations and all the peoples v3, v10a
2. Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations*

Romans 10:13-15

II. Our God

God is worthy of all praise from all peoples in all places for all time. v4

1. **He is the One True God v5-6**
 - a. Isaiah 44:9-18
 - b. The One True God in Contrast: His Attributes
2. **He deserves praise from all creation v7-13**
 - a. All mankind v7-9
 - b. All heaven v11a

Psalm 69:34 *Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.*

- c. All earthly creatures v11-13

This pattern is fulfilled perfectly in Revelation 5:9-14

Why do we obey Acts 1:8 and the Great Commission? Because our God is worthy of all praise from all peoples in all places for all time!

Conclusion:

So, as we have considered Psalm 96 together, I hope that you have seen the 2 reasons we must seek to obey Acts 1:8 and fulfill the Great Commission?

1. Because our world needs the gospel more than anything else, and they will not get it without us getting it to them.
2. We go to make worshippers because our God deserves the praise of all nations, tongues, tribes, and all creation.
3. And let's not forget the obvious...Jesus, who has all authority in heaven and on earth, has commanded us...not suggested to us or encouraged us...but commanded us to make this our mission!

The question is, will we obey?

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn about God in this sermon and in the biblical texts used? About Christ? About the Holy Spirit?
2. What did you learn about yourself in this sermon and in the texts used?
3. Were there any clear promises or commands in the biblical texts used?
4. What is the hardest truth that stands out to you from this message or the verses referenced?
5. What is the most impactful point or statement from the sermon?
6. How can you respond to this message?