

Disciples Making Disciples

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."

The promise

"...you will receive power..."

- The Holy Spirit would "...come upon them..."
- He would 'superimpose' Himself on them
- He is not a tool to be used
- He brings the Kingdom of God into the hearts of believers

The command

"...you will be my witnesses..."

- Witnesses observe and then tell what they have seen
- Witnesses do not add to the story nor take away from it
 - Doing so loses a witness' credibility
- Witnesses must give an accurate account

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the **dead,** 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Repentance for the forgiveness of sins

- We become witnesses when we have been forgiven
- We can tell others from our own experience
- The continuing work of the Christian is to tell others of how to repent of their sins
- The only qualification required is to be someone who has received forgiveness from God

Him we proclaim