



Smith Rock
COMMUNITY CHURCH

acts

OF THE APOSTLES

Sermon notes
and
study guide

For the week of
3rd January 2021

“The Plan”



The Plan

Acts 1:1-11 or page 855 in a church bible.

Main points

1. W_____

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:9–11 (ESV)

2. W_____

And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole

city how much Jesus had done for him.

Luke 8:39 (ESV)

3. W_____

47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

*“ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”*
Acts 13:47 (ESV)

4. W_____

*4 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake,
you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be
troubled, 15 but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord
as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to
anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is
in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having
a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered,
those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be
put to shame.*

1 Peter 3:14–16 (ESV)

WHAT NEXT?



What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?

What was the main point of the sermon?

What stood out for you in this text.

**What is one thing you are going to do with what you
heard this next week**

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 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 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." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:1–11 (ESV)

witness

■ noun

- 1 *a person who sees an event take place.*
- 2 *a person giving sworn testimony to a court of law or the police.*
- 3 *a person who is present at the signing of a document and signs it themselves to confirm this.*
- 4 *evidence; proof.*
 - ▶ *open profession of one's religious faith through words or actions.*

■ verb

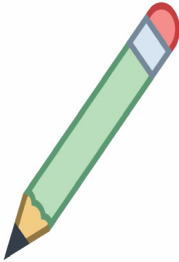
- 1 *be a witness to.*
 - 2 *be the place, period, etc. in which (an event or development) takes place.*
 - 3 *be a sign or proof of.*
 - ▶ *(witness to) openly profess one's religious faith in.*
- ORIGIN Old English *witnes* (see WIT1, -NESS).

Catherine Soanes and Angus Stevenson, eds., Concise Oxford English Dictionary (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004).

Sermon notes

for kids

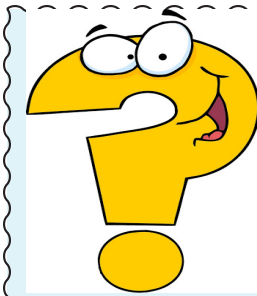
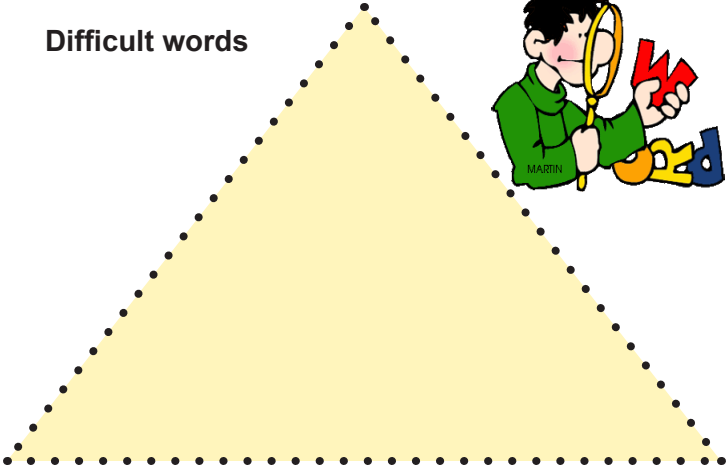
Favourite song today



Draw a picture from the sermon

NAME OF THE BOOK

Difficult words



Questions

Today I learned

Handwriting practice lines consisting of six horizontal lines on a light orange background.



Further study for *Groups and individuals*

Review

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment to review what you wrote you were going to take action on.

How did it go? _____

What did you learn? _____

What are you hoping for in 2021? _____

Is there anything from 2020 you would like to see continue on into 2021? _____

What is the best sequel you have seen (film), read (book), or heard (music) _____

What is the worst? _____

If you were God, what would be your plan for the sequel to Jesus Christ after His ascension? _____

How do you feel about God's planed sequel for 2021 involving you? _____

Have you shared a story about something you have seen, heard, or done with someone this week? _____

Why did you tell them? _____

Why would you want to (or not) tell some one about the Good News of Jesus Christ? _____

Have you ever had to be a witness in a legal case? _____

Why did it matter what you had to say? _____

Read the following passages and describe how we can be confident in our witness;

5 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

1 Peter 5:1 (ESV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1 John 1:1–4 (ESV)

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

John 5:39–40 (ESV)

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

Jesus tells the disciples they will be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Where do you feel God has called you to be His witness?

How can we reach the “ends of the earth” even if we never leave Terrebonne? _____

Before the disciples go rushing off to witness, Jesus tells them they must wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them?

Read Acts 8:26-40

Why is God’s timing critical when it comes to witnessing?

This coming year, how will you determine when is the right time to be a witness? _____
