

Week beginning 1st December 2019

## God's Big Picture: The Bible in 6 weeks— Life in the Spirit



### Welcome

If you had to live in any country in the world (not your home country or the UK) what country would you pick and why?



15 mins 1/12

### Worship

Acts and the letters that come after it in the Bible, tell the story of how the good news of Jesus begins to go out to the rest of the world. Spend some time sharing how you came to hear about the good news of Jesus and then spend some time thanking God for that.



20 mins 1/12

### Word

#### Read Acts 1:1-11

1. Compare the introduction to Luke (Luke 1:1-4) and the introduction to Acts. What similar things are stressed by the author?
2. If Luke is the account of what "Jesus *began* to do and to teach" does this mean Acts is the continuation of what Jesus is doing and teaching? If so how?
3. What do you think are some of the convincing proofs that Jesus gave that he was alive? (v3)
4. By their question what do you think the disciples think Jesus is going to do (v6)? What does Jesus tell them is going to happen instead?
5. Why do the disciples need to wait? What is it that they need from the Holy Spirit
6. What does it mean to be Jesus' witnesses? (v8)
7. One of the things Acts shows is how the church continues to grow in the world despite (and because of) great persecution. Do you think the church is relentless advancing through out the world? Or do you think it's slowing down? What about in the UK? In Middlesbrough?
8. Do you think of yourself as having the power of the Spirit living in you? Should you?



45 mins 1/12

### Witness

- Pray for the evangelistic work of St Barnabas, and other churches and Christian ministries in Middlesbrough
- Pray for upcoming Christmas events and services. Particularly pray for two people you can invite along to a Christmas event.
- Pray for the church across the world particularly perhaps the country mentioned in the WELCOME section.



10 mins 1/12