

How To Grow as a Believer & Follower of Jesus

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm

Begins August 2



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Two passages collectively called the Great Commission

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⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Teachings From Today's Verses

1. The key command in both passages is to "g_____" and "m_____" or g_____ and "_____".
2. It is a c_____. If we don't follow it, we disobey God and w_____.
3. God will be w_____. ("I am with you always" or "you will receive power.")
4. Only _____ of b_____ have a spiritual gift in e_____.
5. The job is m_____.

Helps to do the Job

If you are gifted in evangelism, it comes naturally to you as you grow in the faith. For the rest of us, we need help. Here are some helps:

1. Pray often for o_____.
2. Pray often for s_____.
3. Be f_____. (Next week!)
4. Learn to l_____.
5. Learn to s_____.
6. H_____.
7. Learn some h_____.
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