

## **A Mission for Mamas**

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### **A New Plan**

- ☐ Some of the Reformers preached through more than one book at a time.
- ☐ We are planning to preach through Acts and Daniel and 1 Corinthians and Revelation, all at the same time, one chapter at a time (as a rule).
- ☐ Hopefully these books combined will help us as we continue to seek a Biblical answer to the question: *How are we to live to please God in an increasingly hostile and pagan culture?*

### **The Christian Life**

*In Christ, God is pleased with us  
and we are pleased with God above all,  
so, we live to please God above all.*

### **The Book of Acts**

We need a vision for the Christian life that is just as applicable to the mama as to the missionary, to the plumber as to the pastor and to the trash truck driver as to the theologian! Acts is about the mission of the Church and how it is to be fulfilled. It is a history of the life and expansion of the early Christian church. The book of Acts (written in the early 60s AD) discusses:

- ☐ The Early Church in Jerusalem (1:1-7:60)
- ☐ The Expansion into Judea and Samaria (8:1-9:31)
- ☐ The Expansion to the Remotest Part of the Earth (9:32-28:31)

The fulfillment of a mission is another way (a very important one) to think about how to answer the question: *How do I live to please the God who is well-pleased with me in Jesus and with Whom I am well-pleased?*

In Acts chapter 1, we have:

- ☐ The Ascension of Jesus (1-11)
- ☐ The Appointment of Mathias (12-26)

#### **1. Jesus is King and we have a Mission. (1:1-11)**

*What is the 'mission'? To testify, in word and deed, to the reality of the reign of King Jesus and to the free offer of the gospel.*

*Testifying in Acts* – Acts 1:22; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21; 22:15; 28:23; 2:32, 40; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 8:25; 10:39, 41, 43; 11:23; 13:31; 14:3, 17; 20:24; 22:20; 22:18; 23:11; 26:16, 22

*The Good News of the King and Kingdom – Acts 1:3; 8:12; 17:7; 28:31; 4:26; 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23*

*The Free Offer of the Gospel – Acts 10:43; 26:18; 16:31; 14:15; 26:20; 13:39; 19:4*

*Other Scriptures supporting the call to mission – Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:24; 5:13-16; Philippians 2:14-15; 1:20; 2 Corinthians 5:9; 1 Timothy 1:5; Mark 10:28-30; 1 Corinthians 9:23*

*Do we think and act like we have a king?*

*Do we think and act like we have a mission?*

*How do we testify to the reality of the reign of King Jesus?*

*How do we testify to the free offer of the gospel?*

*What are we testifying to?*

*Where do we testify?*

## **2. To fulfill the mission, we obey the Word. (1:12-26)**

*How do we know what to do to fulfill the mission? We have to read and follow the directions found in God's Word.*

*Following Orders by the Spirit in the Scriptures – Acts 1:2, 16; 5:29; 2:42; 4:25; 28:25; 5:32; 6:7; Matthew 7:21-27; James 1:22-25; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 5:10-19; Philippians 2:12-16*

*Do we read and follow God's Word each day as if it is what it is?*

### **Application**

- ☐ *How are we to think about people leaving the church?*
- ☐ *How is this a mission for mamas?*

### **Conclusion**

Remember:

- ☐ You have a King named Jesus.
- ☐ You have a mission to testify to the King and his grace.
- ☐ You have a playbook called the Bible.
- ☐ Ask for the Spirit to enable you to live it out this week more and more.

If you're not trusting Christ, know that he is an able and willing Savior for you. Turn from your sin and trust him as your Savior and Lord. He will receive you and love you fully and forever.