

PART 3: A Mission Infused With Power DATE: 09-26-2021

START

Life can throw some discouraging moments our way. Some of us have experienced many discouraging moments over the past year and a half. Life can also throw many encouraging moments our way. Whatever moment you find yourself in we can be confident that we will face both moments as life goes on.

- What do you find encouraging in life right now?
- What do you find discouraging in life right now?
- How are you trusting and obeying God in your times of discouragement?

READ

[Acts 2:38](#) (NIV)

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

THINK

When we take a step into baptism we are making a definitive statement on who we say Jesus is. We are declaring that Jesus is the Son of God, who died and rose again to forgive us of our sins so that we could be made brand new. It's a powerful statement, and it is filled with hope and encouragement. Who we say Jesus is, determines who we will be.

- Who do you say that Jesus is?
- If you have made Jesus the subject of your life, share about how that has shaped your life.

Jesus told Peter the gates of Hades will not overcome His church. His church will last forever, and nothing will stop it. That's a powerful promise. As a gathering of people that declares that Jesus is Lord, we have the opportunity to be on a mission to bring hope to the world.

- How does knowing that nothing can stop the church help us face each day?
- How can you lean into the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to spread the message of hope to those around you?

PRAY

"God, there are times I am discouraged. I feel like the world is against me and I have nowhere to turn. Help me to lean into your promises so that I may trust and obey you in what you have called me to do."

ACT

This week, write down what is discouraging you and submit these discouragements to God. Write down a promise from God that helps guide you through your discouragement.

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ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.