

ARE YOU READY TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT?

Isaiah 6:6-8

Romans 10:12-15

Matthew 14:22-33

QUESTIONS FOR THE HOME GROUPS.

Acts 1:8 (NIV):

But 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 world.

1. In our busy frantic world how do we as modern Christians take time to sit in God's presence?

If God was calling us to be His Witnesses, would we be able to hear His voice?

Are we afraid just to sit in God's presence in Silence?

What are we afraid of?

When we do sit in the presence of God, what has been special about that time?

Do we fill our lives so full that we don't have time to BE Still and Know That I am God?

If God spoke to us as we sat in His presence, and asked us to be His witness, what would our response be?

Here I am God, send me? or Here I am God send someone else?

2. In 2021 for us here in our home groups in Hamilton, how do we understand this verse and command " when the Holy Spirit comes on you, [me, us]" , will you, me, all of us, be able to be witnesses for Christ, in our families, workplaces, schools, retirement villages, communities, our nation and God's world?

How can we be witnesses for Christ?

What holds us back? Are we afraid? Perhaps we don't know what to say?

Is being a witness for Christ, something for the missionaries, the ministers, and youth.

Is God calling me to be His Witness?

3. The Covid situation has caused huge disruptions to our world and our lives, but it has also provided us with opportunities to link with our sisters and brothers around the world through YouTube, Zoom, Pod Casts, WhatsApp, Facebook, etc.

Is this the new way of being witnesses for Christ?

What are the positives?

What are the pitfalls?

4. Many people from the nations where missionaries from NZ once worked, are now living in New Zealand, how do we as Christians commanded by Jesus to be witnesses for Him reach out to these people?

What are we already doing?

What are we struggling with?

What is God asking us to do differently?

5. With the secularization of the West and our country, how do we be witnesses for Christ amongst our families? Our workplace? Our communities?

How do we share the Love of Christ with people of different ethnicities, different faiths, or those with no faith, no interest or who even show some hostility?

6. Is God calling you overseas, to serve Him? If the answers if yes, could you talk to God, read His word, talk to your home group leader, your minister, missions committee or elders?

Many people have said to me over the years " God called me to the mission field but.....
If God has called you, He will equip you, your mission field maybe overseas, but it may be your family, your grandchildren or your neighbours.

He who calls is faithful and He will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24