

Life in the Spirit: Moving from Spectator to Participant

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Text: Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:1-8

What is Essential for Disciples to Know?

- The Scriptures are the _____ (Acts 2:23-24; Ps. 16:8-11; 110:1).
- The Scriptures _____.
 - Repentance
 - Release
- Understand the _____ (Acts 1:3; Luke 4:16-21).

What is Essential for Disciples to Experience?

- God provides _____ to move disciples from spectators to participants.
- _____ demonstrates the shift from participation to observation.
- How can we experience empowerment?

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Think of how many hours you spend watching, listening, or passively observing during a typical week. How do you think you compare to the average American?
- How does our spectating society impact our Christian faith?
- What did Jesus teach during the period between His resurrection and ascension? Why did He view these things as essential?
- How does present day Christianity compare with the essentials Jesus taught? Do we follow them? Have we complicated things?
- According to the essentials Jesus taught, what is the mission of the Church?
- What is the kingdom of God and how do we know it is present? Why does it matter?
- What is the significance of the legalization of Christianity in the Roman Empire? How was it positive for the Church? How was it negative for the Church?
- How does Spirit empowerment move disciples from spectating to participating in the mission?
- If some asked how to receive Spirit empowerment, what would you tell them?