

READY TO REACH

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INTRODUCTION

KEY POINT: To reach what's next we need to be willing to extend ourselves

Reluctance to reach: Time of life, fear, uncertainty

Invitation to a life of faith: willingness to reach in faith

A good God who has good things for us

TEXT: Acts 16:6-10

- **The mission requires movement**

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Beginning where they are and moving out...

Reaching: a willingness to reach for something greater than self

Moved by a compelling WHAT

- **Discerning God's direction is not always direct**

Sometimes doors are closed, other times they are opened

But this is what we know: There is a place God is trying to get them

Important Lesson: Sometimes direction isn't clarified until you begin to move!

Discernment through movement

- **Reaching involves becoming a part of the story**

Not just spectators but participants in the unfolding drama of God's transforming work through Jesus

To live our dream we sometimes need to be a part of someone else's

Helping others fulfill the call of God on their lives

- **We don't always know what our obedience sets in motion**

Need faith for something larger than the immediate

REMEMBER: The beginning is not the end but the beginning is necessary for the end

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1. Say YES to God's purpose

Living on purpose, on mission

Embracing our part in making disciples!

2. Take a step of faith

Discernment through movement

The next step is not the last step, nor may it be the perfect step

Trusting the Spirit to lead and guide

3. Be a part of a team

CONCLUDING: uniting together

RESPONSE: Lord, as we prepare our hearts for what next, help us be ready to reach