

TALK IT OVER

APOSTOLIC VOICES

PART 1 | 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

NOTES TO LEADERS

We have an exciting line up of guest pastors over the next 3 weeks:

- 28 September: Diego Beltran who leads a church in Medellín, Columbia
- 5 October: Dusty & Taniele Van Niekerk who left CityHill a year ago to support The Bridge Church in Toronto, Canada
- 12 October: Tyrone & Nicole Daniel, who lead the NCMI translocal team that our church partners with. NCMI works into over 80 countries around the world. They will be with us for both morning services

SCRIPTURES

LUKE 8:38-39

38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

ACTS 1:8

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 earth.

START TALKING

1. What stood out to you from Sunday's message? What challenged you or encouraged you?
2. What has God been doing in your world - what can we celebrate?

START THINKING

1. In Luke 8:39 Jesus says to the man: "tell how much God has done for you." What has God done for you that you are grateful for?
2. Read Acts 1:8. Jesus says, "You will be my witnesses." What does it mean to be a witness for Christ in everyday life? What are some practical ways we can witness to others without being pushy or fearful?
3. Read Luke 8:38-39. Why do you think Jesus told the healed man to return home and tell instead of allowing him to travel with Him?
4. Obedience sometimes means staying where we are rather than going somewhere new. How can we cultivate a heart that obeys even when God's direction isn't what we expected?

START SHARING

1. Can you think of a time recently when someone's personal testimony encouraged your faith? What stood out?
2. Read Luke 8:38-39. Jesus asked the man to be a witness in his own community. Where in your community might Jesus be asking you to "return home and tell" of His work in your life?
3. Read Acts 1:8. Which countries in the world do you know of that have tremendous spiritual poverty? What stories have you heard from those nations?
4. Can you share a time when obeying Jesus, though difficult, led to blessing or transformation in your life?

START PRAYING

1. Pray that we would have willing and obedient hearts
2. Pray for boldness to witness of what God has done in our lives
3. Pray for nations in the world that have tremendous spiritual poverty.

START DOING

1. Write down your story: In 3-4 sentences, note what life was like before Jesus, how you encountered Him, and what's changed since. Be ready to share it.
2. Pray for one person this week you can "go tell." Ask God for courage and a natural opportunity.
3. Practice obedience: Identify one small act of obedience you sense God calling you to take and do it this week.

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SUMMARY OF LUKE 8:26-39

In Luke chapter 8, we read the story of the Demoniac.

Jesus and His disciples arrive in the region of the Gerasenes (a Gentile area across the lake from Galilee). A man possessed by many demons came out to meet Him. He lived among the tombs, was extremely violent, unclothed, and had been driven into solitary places. The townspeople had tried to restrain him with chains, but he broke free every time.

When he saw Jesus, he fell at His feet and cried out loudly, recognising Him as the “Son of the Most High God.” The demons begged Jesus not to torment them or send them into the Abyss.

Jesus asked the man his name, and he replied “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. The demons begged Jesus to let them enter a herd of pigs nearby. Jesus permitted it, and the demons went into the pigs, who then rushed down a steep bank into the lake and drowned.

The healed man begged to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him instead: “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” He went and proclaimed throughout the whole town how much Jesus had done for him, and of God's saving power.