

COOPERATION principle from the Ends of the Earth . . .

**4. Taking the gospel to the world is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“My defense to those who examine me is this: Don’t we have the right to eat and drink? Don’t we have the right to be accompanied by a Christian wife, like the other apostles, the Lord’s brothers, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? . . . Do you not know that those who perform the temple services eat the food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the offerings of the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should earn their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:3-6, 13-14, HCSB).*

CHALLENGES principle from the Ends of the Earth . . .

**5. Many \_\_\_\_\_ oppose God’s \_\_\_\_\_, but God has sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ over all.**

*“After they were released, they went to their own fellowship and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices to God unanimously and said, ‘Master, You are the One who made the heaven, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them. You said through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David Your servant: Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot futile things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers assembled together against the Lord and against His Messiah. For, in fact, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, assembled together against your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your slaves may speak Your message with complete boldness, while You stretch out Your hand for healing, signs, and wonders to be performed through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.’ When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak God’s message with boldness” (Acts 4:23-31, HCSB).*

**Ask yourself . . .**

- What can I do to help take the gospel to the ends of the earth?
- Where in the world might God lead our church?

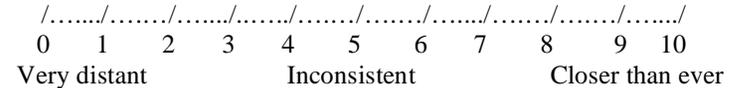
## A New World View

### ...Our Church’s Ends of the Earth

Part 2 of 6 in the series “The Acts 1:8 Challenge”

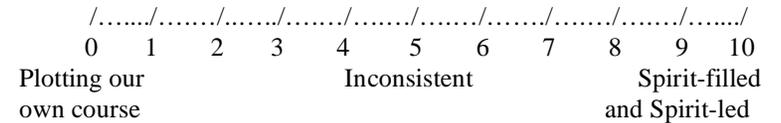
**Another quick self-assessment:**

On a scale from 1 to 10, how close is your own personal relationship with Jesus Christ right now?



“There is nothing easier than getting into the right relationship with God, unless it is not God you seek, but only what He can give you . . . Are you prepared to ask yourself what it is you want from God and why you want it?” - Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*

On a scale from 1 to 10, how responsive is our church to the leadership of the Holy Spirit?



**• Jesus’ last \_\_\_\_\_ on earth are His first \_\_\_\_\_ for His followers today.**

*“It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:7-8, HCSB).*

The Four “Mission Fields” of Jesus’ Acts 1:8 Challenge:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

• The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit are essential to Christian \_\_\_\_\_ and the church's \_\_\_\_\_.

*“I assure you: The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father”* (John 14:12, HCSB).

*“Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you. When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment”* (John 16:7-8, HCSB).

Being a witness with the power of the Holy Spirit is like \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.

Five “Big Ideas” about God’s Mission through the church:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Our Church’s Mission at the Ends of the Earth**

*“All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord. All the families of the nations will bow down before You, for kingship belongs to the Lord; He rules over the nations”* (Ps. 22:27-28, HCSB).

CALLING principle from the Ends of the Earth . . .

**1. God calls Christians to the world in ways that are both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“So those who were scattered went on their way proclaiming the message of good news”* (Acts 8:4, HCSB).

*“As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work*

*that I have called them to.’ Then, after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off”* (Acts 13:2-3, HCSB).

CULTURES principle from the Ends of the Earth . . .

**2. God’s mission to the world includes \_\_\_\_\_**

*“This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come”* (Matt. 24:14, HCSB).

*“All the nations You have made will come and bow down before you, Lord, and will honor Your name. For You are great and perform wonders; You alone are God”* (Ps. 86:9-10, HCSB).

CHURCH PLANTING principle from the Ends of the Earth . . .

**3. When the gospel is successfully planted, new churches \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“After they had evangelized that town and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, to Iconium, and to Antioch, strengthening the hearts of the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith, and by telling them, ‘It is necessary to pass through many troubles on our way into the kingdom of God.’ When they had appointed elders in every church and prayed with fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed”* (Acts 14:21-23, HCSB).