

# DIFFERENCE MAKERS

## A TIME TO BUILD

### “GET TO WORK!”

Acts 1:1-14 - January 11, 2015

Message 1 of 8 in “Difference Makers: Time to Build”

#### 2014: Year of Jesus!

A clear view of Jesus always gives us a clear view of our \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> within the plan of Jesus.

#### 2015: The Year of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>. [through the book of Acts...]

**Matthew 16:18** - “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

#### Quick Background on the Book of Acts

1. The author of Acts is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>, who wrote a biography of Jesus known for his name.
2. Luke was writing to a friend named Theophilus, to tell him what he researched about Jesus.
3. The book of Luke is the story of the life of Jesus.
4. The book of Acts is the story of Jesus’ church, the continuing ministry and mission that he started in his time on earth.
5. Many N.T. books were written within the chronological framework of the book of Acts:

#### Get to Work!

1. When your focus is on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, and on \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>, you can miss the big picture.

It is critical to understand Jesus’ plan, and our place in his plan, or we might accidentally make the entire plan about \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>!

After 3 years, the disciples were ready to reap the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> of all their learning and work...they thought it was time to get theirs!

2. Don’t misunderstand the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup>. v. 4-6

The gift is not just FOR us, but it is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> us, FOR \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>.

What if you saw the purpose of your Christianity through the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup>:

1. Great \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> – Love God. [Mt. 22:37-38]
2. Great \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup> – Reach people and teach them about God. [Mt. 28:19-20]

3. Great \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> – Be aware of hurting people and do something to help them. [Mt. 25:31-46]

What if you saw this not only as the purpose of your Christianity, but the purpose of your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>15</sup>?

**Galatians 2:20** - "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

3. The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>16</sup> is more important to focus on than the destination. v. 7-14

Jesus wants us to know it's not just what we get as a Christian but what we \_\_\_\_\_<sup>17</sup> as Christians that makes a difference in the world!

The angel's message to this small church, a little over 3 years in the making, was simple: Get to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>18</sup>!

The importance and urgency of the work was simple: Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>20</sup>.

4. It's time for JCI to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>21</sup>.

For one of the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>22</sup> times, this small church came together to do exactly what Jesus told them to do.

**Acts 1:14** - "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."

- They joined \_\_\_\_\_<sup>23</sup>.
- They were all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>24</sup>.
- They had become a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_<sup>25</sup>.

Additional Notes:

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Answers: <sup>1</sup>place, <sup>2</sup>Church, <sup>3</sup>Luke, <sup>4</sup>you, <sup>5</sup>now, <sup>6</sup>us, <sup>7</sup>rewards, <sup>8</sup>gift, <sup>9</sup>to, <sup>10</sup>others, <sup>11</sup>Jesus, <sup>12</sup>Commandment, <sup>13</sup>Commission, <sup>14</sup>Compassion, <sup>15</sup>life, <sup>16</sup>Journey, <sup>17</sup>do, <sup>18</sup>work, <sup>19</sup>coming, <sup>20</sup>back, <sup>21</sup>build, <sup>22</sup>first, <sup>23</sup>together, <sup>24</sup>together, <sup>25</sup>family

