

September 15 | Sunday

20/20 Vision

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)



16 | Mon – The mission | Read [Matthew 28:16-20](#) / [Luke 24:45-53](#)

Jesus' disciples had followed him for only three years but during that time, they had come to know him well. They watched him pray and teach and perform miracles. They had seen him live an authentic life. They had grown to love him as their teacher, friend, brother and then their resurrected Savior. Before returning to heaven, Jesus directed them to tell everyone what they had seen, heard and knew from personal experience. Your knowledge of Jesus is a result of their obedience and sacrifice. Have you been able to help others meet him too?

17 | Tue – The promise | Read [John 14:15-17 and 15:26-27 and 16:7](#)

A mission like the one Jesus gave his followers would seem impossible if it were not for the promise he left with them: the Holy Spirit would come and give them the power to do what they could not do with their limited abilities. The book of Acts bears witness to that reality. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit giving you strength to do something impossible on your own? Then you have experienced that promise for yourself.

18 | Wed – #1 purpose | Read [Acts 2:1-14 and 32-33](#)

The thing which fueled the disciples' work was their passionate desire that everyone should know Jesus the way they knew him. Connecting people to Jesus will always be the primary goal of those who know and love him. How did the first Christians come to the attention of those around them (verses 6-11b)? How did Peter use that attention to connect listeners to Jesus? What opportunities have you had to tell someone what an amazing person Jesus is?

19 | Thu – Who do you hang out with? | Read [Acts 4:13](#)

Are there times when, if you were being completely honest, you admit you don't know Jesus as well as others seem to or you wonder how you could get to know him better? The observers in this story were amazed at what they heard and saw in Peter and John, who were obviously uneducated, ordinary men. They correctly attributed it to the time these two men had spent with Jesus. Could this be the key for anyone who wants to know Jesus better?

20 | Fri – Blinders | Read [2 Corinthians 4:4-6](#)

There is an enemy who wants to cloud your vision. Paul describes the blindness of some as coming from 'the god of this age.' A god is not always a religious icon. It can be something that becomes more important than anything else in your life. What are some "gods" that may blind people today? More importantly, are there things in your life that have become more important to you than Jesus?

21 | Sat – I can see clearly now... | Read [2 Kings 6:8-23](#)

Things are not always as they seem. This story illustrates how important it is that you do not always take things at face value. More often than you know, God is at work behind the scenes. Have you had the experience of thinking you know exactly what was going on, only to find out later how little you actually knew? The next time you face a difficult situation, personalize Elisha's prayer in verse 17 and see what happens. Then don't forget to give God the credit.