

This week we welcomed Pastor Sameh Maurice from Kasr El Dohara in Cairo, Egypt. It is so amazing to see what God is doing in Egypt through Pastor Sameh and his church. Hearing these types of stories helps expand our worldview, to understand what God is doing not only at home but also across the entire world. Pastor Sameh is committed to transforming Egypt through prayer, love, and proclamation. In this study, we will focus on what it takes to transform our community with the same level of passion and intentionality. While Pastor Sameh taught from Acts 16, we will connect what he said with Jesus' instructions in Acts 1.

What Do You Think?

- What does it really take to transform an entire nation? Is it possible? Could it happen here?
 - Why do you think they are seeing such dramatic life-change in Egypt through Pastor Sameh's church? What are some of the differences between Egypt and our country? Similarities?
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“So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’” Acts 1:6 (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- **Read Acts 1:6.** Change was coming. The disciples knew that, but how and when were they expecting it to happen? Do we have the same attitude? How so?
 - **Read Acts 1:8.** As we take responsibility for being a witness to Jesus, the Holy Spirit will give us power. Pastor Sameh talked about the power that shakes shakable kingdoms leaving behind the unshakeable Kingdom. What is this power and how does it help us inspire change?
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“And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:9 (ESV)

- **Read Acts 1:9.** In the same moment Jesus shows His power and also leaves. This must have been a bittersweet moment for the disciples. What is your reaction to the fact that Jesus has put the task of evangelism into your hands?
- **Read Acts 1:10-11.** Intended or not, this is a somewhat amusing moment. What do you think these two men (*presumably angels*) are communicating? What does it mean for us?

What Will You Do?

- Who invested in you to bring you to Christ? What did they do? Why did it work?
- Where do you need to start? Who are you going to try to impact for the Gospel? Name names. Talk details.
- Pray for each person discussed in your group and pray also for our nation, that God would move in a supernatural way through the faithfulness of His people. Pray specifically, as Pastor Sameh said, for doors to be opened and chains of fear to come loose.