



SESSION 12: A LINK IN THE CHAIN

1—YOUR JERUSALEM

Acts 1:8 now! Please!

Kim is very good about telling her friends about Jesus. She invites them to church and even asks them what they think about God. She also supports a child in a poor country with her own money so the child gets food and is able to go to school.

Kim has a problem, though. Her mom isn't a Christian, and it's hard for her to talk to her mom about God. What advice would you give Kim?

Each of the four places listed in Acts 1:8 can be applied to somewhere near you. Name someone in each of these places who doesn't yet know Jesus.

- Jerusalem = your family/your friends/your neighborhood
- Judea = your school/your community
- Samaria = your nation
- Ends of the earth = other countries

Gods wants His message to reach those who are right next to us, as well as those who live across the globe. Pray for the people on your list daily and ask God to work in their lives to open their hearts to Him.

2—JOIN THE HALL OF FAITH

Do you know a guy named David? Read Hebrews 11:32-38.

Write down the names of three people who have done cool things for you and what they did. (This could be a teacher who helped you with a math problem, your parents who always drive you to your friends' houses or your small-group leader at church who is a great listener.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In Hebrews, you can read about what people have gone through to further the message of Jesus. What would it take for you to be that kind of person, too?

Ask God to make you into that kind of person. Thank Him for all the people who have gone before you who lived this way.

3—IT'S A BIG JOB

Pound your chest like Tarzan and turn to 2 Corinthians 4:15.

Jason is super shy. He's been a Christian for a while but he's afraid to tell people about Jesus. He thinks that other people would be better at it, so why bother? Jason loves God with his whole heart but just doesn't see himself as an evangelist at all.

Have you ever felt like Jason feels? Even if you're shy, God wants you to tell people about Him. After all, you just might be the only one that someone comes in contact with who is willing to tell him or her about Jesus! God wants *you* to be the person who communicates His Word.

How do you feel about knowing that you have this incredible responsibility? Are you feeling overwhelmed? Share your feelings with God and ask Him to bring someone into your life who's "been there, done that" to help you do what God wants you to do!

4—IMITATE THE LEADERS

Go to the book before James and find the 13th chapter and the 7th and 8th verses.

Check the leaders whose names you know:

- ☐ The president of the United States (or the leader of your country)
- ☐ The pope
- ☐ The governor of your state
- ☐ The news anchor on the local evening news
- ☐ The chief of police in your city

There are all kinds of people who lead in this world. Likewise, there are tons of people who have led the great movements of God throughout time. It is our job to know about what those people have done to lead people toward God.

Think of someone you know who might know who some of these leaders of the faith are. Make a commitment today to ask that person to tell you about just one of those people. If you enjoy hearing that story, then maybe they can tell you more.

Oh, and don't forget to "imitate their faith" (Hebrews 13:7)!