



Unleashed: Someone You Can Believe In
(Acts 1:1-3)

Main Idea: We can lead others to the truth and in the truth because it is true.

Connect: Who is your hero? What is it that makes them special to you?

Discuss

1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
2. Count on His words because of His actions
 - The Book of Acts contains accounts of amazing and wonderful miracles, there are some very sad trials and some extremely inspiring events, but each is an eyewitness account. Imagine yourself as a first century Christian ... no phones, no email, no twitter, no Facebook ... why was this letter so important then? Why is it so important now?
 - As believers, when we share our testimony, it is our account of Jesus' power, actions and instructions in our own lives. What is Jesus currently doing in your life? Are you telling others about it?
3. Count on His mission because of His apostles
 - Jesus' mission was to rescue people from the power of sin by giving His life as the ultimate payment for transgression. The apostles walked with Jesus, heard his teachings, felt his sorrow and experienced His love. These people lived Jesus' mission with Him. What does that mean to you as you read the Book of Acts?
 - Luke is asking us to follow the apostles as they followed Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Who is following you as you follow Christ?
4. Count on His authority because of His resurrection
 - The resurrection of Jesus changed everything, forever. For the apostles, their actions following this event are proof to us that it is true. Luke is telling us that Jesus is alive, and we need to have confidence in this fact. Why do you believe what you believe?
 - Two thousand years later people are still studying, discussing and examining the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This event has captivated people for twenty centuries. It is the crux of Christianity. It changed the apostles, and it changed the world. How has Jesus' death and resurrection changed you?
5. Count on His leading because of His interaction
 - Luke tells us that Jesus is alive and that he appeared to them and talked with them. How does Jesus interact with believers in this day and age? Is there any way we can make this easier? Harder?

- We serve a living Lord. He is there to guide us and direct us. He is personally involved in our lives. This plays out throughout the Bible, and through the apostles' lives in the book of Acts. What does "serving a **living** Lord" look like in your life?

Live it Out

- We are called to be followers of Christ and called to share the Good News of the Gospel. Do your daily actions and words reflect this divine mission?
- As we embark on this intimate study of Acts, is there anything you'd like God to reveal to you? Any specific story that you would like to understand better? Be purposeful in your study.
- If there is any facet of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ that you have difficulty believing, ask for clarification. Talk to a pastor or your group leader.

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Romans 10: 9-10