

“Ready... Set... GO!”

Message #1: The Gospel in Preparation

Getting Started

1. What have you spent a long time preparing for? A test in school, an athletic contest, a speech or presentation?

Digging Deeper

2. What insight, principle, or observation from Sunday's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Read Acts 1:1-4

In the opening verses of Acts, the author, Luke, mentions his other book (The Gospel of Luke) which prepared for the start of the church. God had been preparing for the start of the church for a long time, and expected his people to know Christ even through the Old Testament.

Look up and read aloud the following verses concerning how God had been preparing the world for Christ throughout the Old Testament:

- Luke 24:27
- Luke 24:44
- John 5:39
- Acts 1:16
- Acts 17:2
- Acts 18:28
- Acts 26:22-23

3. Not only did God prepare future generations for the coming of Christ, he prepared men and women such as Moses to do the work he called them to do. Read Acts 7.20-38, and as a group, list everything God did to prepare Moses. Then, list everything God accomplished through Moses.
4. God's preparing work is not only for "Bible heroes" like Moses. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How does verse 10 encourage you in your "good work" of carrying out the mission of the early church?

Living it Out

5. Take a few minutes as a group and brainstorm a list of people in your life right now God could be preparing you to reach. Include family members, friends, co-workers/classmates, and neighbors.
6. Go around the room and share one person from your list. What is the next step for you to take in reaching them? How can this Life Group help you?

Changing Your Mind

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Romans 15:4