

The Charge

To see the Christian body at Virginia Tech unite in worship and prayer, to repent before the Lord, and to beg God to change our hearts and the hearts of students on our campus for the advancement of the kingdom of God

He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 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 1:7-9

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16

We can't know how to love people if we don't
understand how God loves us

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. **All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer,** together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

Acts 1:12-14

... "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Mark 9:29

Prayer is the source of the Christian life, a Christian's lifeline. Otherwise, it's like having a baby in your arms and dressing her up so cute--but she's not breathing! Never mind the frilly clothes; stabilize the child's vital signs.

Jim Cymbala; Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Our Charge

“Go and make disciples of all groups of people”

Virginia Tech at a Glance

- 27,350 students
- 2,989 full time faculty
- 8 colleges
- 27 residence halls
- 875 student organizations

. . . That's a lot of people groups!

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



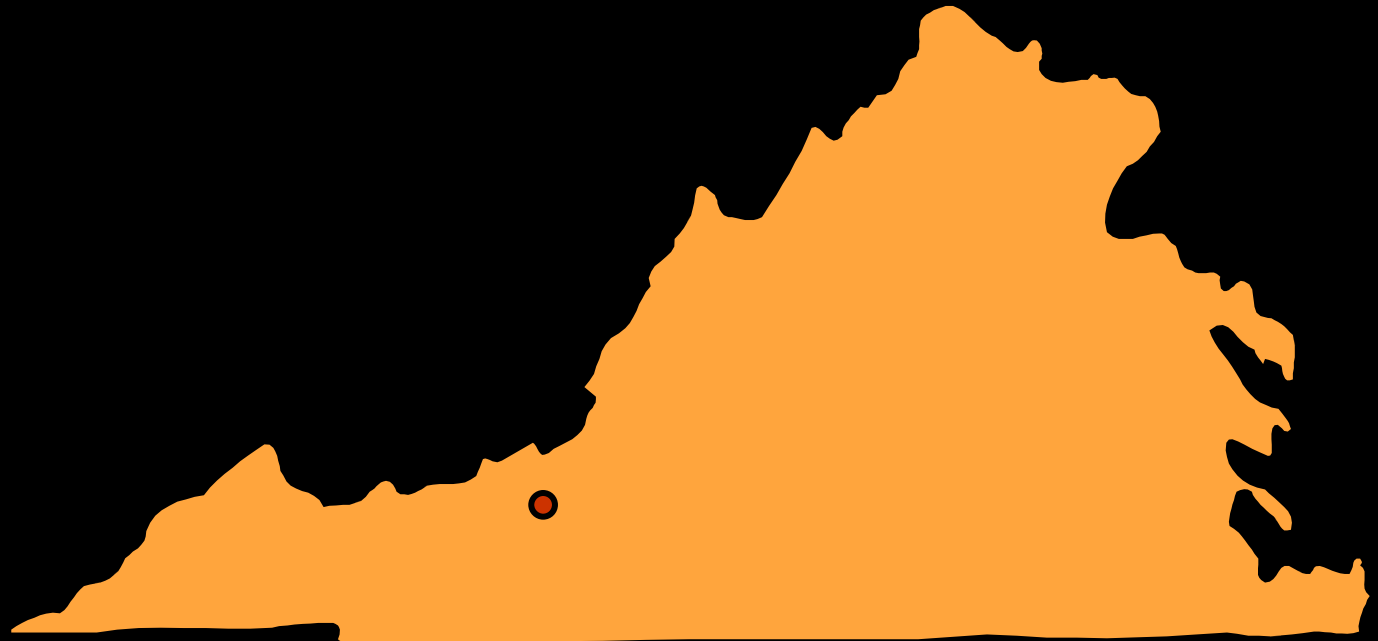
Like saying

- Start at home
- Go to the surrounding areas
- Keep going from there



In our context

- Go to Blacksburg first
- Then go to the rest of Virginia
- Then go to the rest of the world



How We Can Reach People

- Pray for them!

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer . . . (Acts 1:14)

- Build relationships
- Be authentic
- Be ready to share about Christ

. . . always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:15)

“God is not safe, but He is good”

CS Lewis

*(paraphrased from *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)*

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8

IT IS OUR DREAM to see ALL of
you walk out of Squires ready to
make a huge impact for the
kingdom of God

. . . And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

During these next few songs . . .

- Reflect on your life
- How you can have a bigger impact in our Jerusalem
- Does your prayerfulness show reliance or unreliance on God?
- Are you willing to take the challenge to impact a group of people through prayer?
- Maybe you need to repent of isolating yourself from a lost world

We want all of you to take out
what we've talked about today
and put it to work!