

Using Johnston's *Consumed! A Passion for the Great Commission*

Consumed! is not a program—It's a passion!

The title is drawn from the ministry of Jesus—from an early statement of Jesus' commissioning to the ministry in the gospel of John. After Jesus chased out the money changers from the Temple, His disciples remembered that it was written of Him:

"A zeal for your house will consume me" John 2:17.

Prompted by this zeal, Johnston wields pick and spade to examine how Jesus implanted an all-consuming passion into His followers. Every phase of the Christ's missional design is captured in New Testament verbs. Jesus employed words like "Go, preach." And the disciples "Went" and "Preached!" What were the disciples to preach? "Repent and Believe"—two more verbs! And that's what they did! They preached repentance and believing. These truths are God-breathed through active verbs—distilled into 17 chapters:



1. God's Words at Work (ἐνεργέω)
2. Called to Go (πορεύομαι)
3. And Preach (κηρύσσω)
4. And They Went (ἔρχομαι)
5. And Preached (καταγγέλλω)
6. They Evangelized (εὐαγγελίζω)
7. Fellow Workers (συνεργέω)
8. Repent (μετανοέω)
9. Believe (πιστεύω)
10. A Hearing of Faith (ἀκούω)
11. Some Were Persuaded (πείθω)
12. Confess (ὁμολογέω)
13. Win Disciples (μαθητεύω)
14. Baptizing Them (βαπτίζω)
15. Teach Them to Obey (διδάσκω + τηρέω)
16. All That I Have Commanded You (πᾶς + ἐντέλλομαι + σύ)
17. Be Careful How You Build (βλέπω + πῶς + οἰκοδομέω)

God's words are phenomenally powerful! The Holy Spirit will energize His words to the hearts of your leaders. He will fulfill His plan—which is to spur them on to love and good deeds!

There are no shortcuts to instilling a Holy Spirit passion into the people of God. An all-consuming passion only comes when the word of God totally captivates the minds, hearts, and souls of His people. For this work, God's word is both sufficient and efficient. It cuts to the heart—and it does its God-given work!

Pastors and strategists—use *Consumed!* with your leaders to empower the Holy Spirit to capture their imagination in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.

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