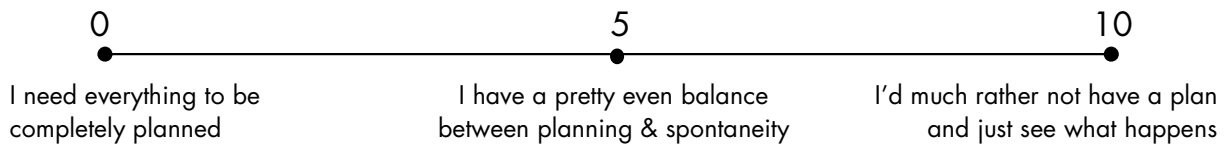


3) THE ADVENTURE OF *GOING WITH IT*



WARM UP: In general, where do you sit on the “go with the flow” scale...



In what situations do you find yourself at one extreme or the other?

READ ACTS 1:1-9

1. In v8 Jesus tells the disciples they're about to do something remarkable. There are only 120 of them (see v15) but they're about to take the good news about Jesus to the ends of the earth! One big thing the disciples are not told though is *how* they should do this (other than to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit). What big calling does God have on your life? How have you experienced God's power and guidance as you've taken steps towards it?

2. The Apostle Paul is a great example of “going with it”, e.g. in Acts 13 he was sent out by the Spirit, in Acts 16 he was prevented by the Spirit, in Rom 15 he says “I hope to see you” (but wasn't sure), and in Acts 20 he says the Spirit compelled him to go to Jerusalem but he doesn't know what will happen there. To what extent do you think this kind of Spirit-guided-spontaneity should be the way all Christians live, as opposed to being unique to Paul?

3. The Bible doesn't say all planning/forethought is bad (e.g. Luke 14:28, Proverbs 21:5) but it definitely says there is a bad version of it (i.e. James 4:13-17). How do you reconcile the need for both planning and spontaneity, wisdom and revelation? What plans are you pursuing right now?

4. None of us planned to be in this lockdown, but here we are. How is the Spirit leading and empowering you to act for His glory today?

THIS WEEK'S GO! CHALLENGE: Go for a walk (at least 15 minutes) and pray that God would help you be attentive and available to his leading.

PRAY: Ask God to help you see that these aren't wasted days.