



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

April 23, 2023

Acts 1:1-11

“Spirit-Empowered Witness”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. We asked this last week, but as a refresher, how does Luke use the end of his first book to prepare for Acts?
2. How does Jesus intend to continue his mission and ministry? How can you individually play a part in Jesus's ongoing mission?
3. Jesus commands the disciples to wait until they have received the Holy Spirit to depart. In doing so, he promises they will have all they need to continue the mission. What are some things that tempt you to feel inadequate and, therefore, hinder you from continuing God's mission?
 - a. How does this truth about the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit comfort you and encourage you in continuing the mission?
4. As Tony noted, we tend to talk about the things we love. What kinds of things do you find yourself talking a lot about?
 - a. Why don't we talk about the reality of the gospel even though it is the greatest thing to ever happen?
 - b. How could conversations about things we love be leveraged to reach our unbelieving neighbors, family, children, coworkers, etc. with the gospel?
5. We see throughout Scripture that we are called to be "witnesses" of all Jesus said, did, and is doing. We also see that there is sacrifice and suffering tied to being a witness. What are some ways you have personally had to sacrifice/suffer for the sake of the gospel?
 - a. How can we as a church/GG support those who face greater opposition as witnesses (missionaries, non-profits, hostile work environments, etc.)?
6. Tony mentions that the book of Acts "calls us to relinquish our prejudice and unconcern for the nations." What practical steps can we take to keep our eyes open and hearts stirred toward the nations, as well as those who are close, but different from us (socio-economically, racially, vocationally, sexually, ethnically, etc.) ?
7. At the start of the sermon, Tony said, "The ordinary people of God, empowered by the Spirit of God, equipped with the Word of God, and captivated by the Son of God, can accomplish the mission of God." Though accomplishing "the mission of God" is a tall task, what components of this statement encourage you in your missional efforts?