



Series Jesus: The Man Who is God

Passage Acts 1:1-11

Title Jesus Empowers His People

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Discussion Starter – What does it mean to be empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Commands of Jesus before His Ascension (Acts 1:1-8)

- What are some of the live witness testimonies that you can remember from the Bible that support the infallible proof of Jesus resurrecting from the dead and remaining on earth for forty days? Read Luke 24:36-43 and 1 John 4:1-3. Discuss some of the important details that these verses describe about Jesus' resurrection.
- In Acts 1:4, Jesus commanded the group gathered together to wait and not to depart from Jerusalem so they could receive the Promise of the Father which was the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:15-26. What were the specific things promised by Jesus? Who are the recipients of these promises and how would these promises be manifested?
- What do you think motivated the group to ask Jesus if He would also restore the kingdom to Israel at the time of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which was just a few days away? What important facts does Jesus reveal by how He responds to their question?
- What is the purpose of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? Read John 15:26-27. Discuss how these verses apply to the purpose and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
- We learned that the Holy Spirit has three distinct relationships with man. He can be "With Us", "In Us" or "Upon Us". Read John 16:7-15. What are some of the works of the Holy Spirit described in these verses and how do they tie into these three distinct relationship forms?
- Describe in your own words your experience with any of the three distinct relationships that the Holy Spirit has with us.

Jesus Changed the World (Acts 1:9-11)

- Jesus ascends to His Father in the clouds and leaves a ragtag group of believers to carry on the mission of building His church. To make the impact that they did, these believers were empowered with four truths: 1> Life is more than biological existence. 2> Death is not the end. 3> The Kingdom of God is real. 4> Life has great purpose. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-24. What do these verses reveal about the importance of Jesus' resurrection and how it empowers believers to live meaningful lives?
- How are you living out these four truths in your life as a Christian today?