

TEACHING NOTES

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Review | Small Group Questions

Read Acts chapter 1 together. In Sunday's message we covered verses 6-26 and looked at the ascension of Jesus and Matthias being chosen to replace Judas. Pray for wisdom as you answer and discuss the following questions.

1. What assumption (v6) did the disciples make about Jesus' mission? How did Jesus change their focus 180 degrees? What mission did He give them? How will the Holy Spirit empower them to fulfill this mission?
2. In verse 8, the word "witness" is used. The Greek word is actually the word "martyr" from which we get our English word "martyr." How might this expand our view of what a witness should be willing to do? How are we to be Jesus' witnesses both in and out of the church? How has God uniquely equipped you to be a witness of the gospel and God's love?
3. What did the angels tell the apostles about the return of Jesus (v10-11)? Read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.
4. Verses 12-26 begin the journey of this "small group" that Jesus has empowered for mission. How does being a part of a group encourage and challenge us to live on mission? Be aware of the needs of others? Share God's love? Live an honest and transparent life?
5. Peter says that Judas "was numbered among us and shared in this ministry" (v17). What is the potential danger of believing that attending/being a part of a church is the same as actually knowing Jesus and salvation personally?

Close your discussion time together in prayer for each other and that we will respond to what is being taught as we go through Acts.