

Wait for the Power (Acts 1:1-11)

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John 14:12 (NIV) I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:16-17 (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 20:21-22 (NIV) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:8 (NIV) I baptize you with water, but he [Jesus] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

1. The church _____ Jesus' ministry

Acts 1:1 (NIV) In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

1A. Jesus gave _____ instructions

Acts 1:2-3 (NIV) until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

1B. _____ for the baptism with the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5 (NIV) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

2. Focus on God's priority _____

Acts 1:6 (NIV) So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

2A. Don't obsess over God's _____

Acts 1:7 (NIV) He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

2B. Receive the Holy Spirit's _____ to be witnesses

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

3. We are _____ hands and feet in the world

Acts 1:9 (NIV) After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

3A. Don't focus on _____

Acts 1:10-11a (NIV) They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky?"

3B. Jesus will return when our mission is _____

Acts 1:11b (NIV) This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthew 24:14 (NIV) And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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Intro. Why did Jesus make the promise of John 14:12?

What did Jesus mean when He told His disciples that the Holy Spirit lived with them and would be in them (John 14:16-17)?

What happened to the disciples when Jesus told them to “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:21-22)?

How is the baptism with the Holy Spirit different than receiving the Holy Spirit at salvation (Mark 1:8)?

Why do you think that many churches read the book of Acts only as history, not as an example for us to follow?

1A. In what ways is the book of Acts a continuation of Jesus' ministry (Acts 1:1)?

1B. How important do you think Jesus' final instructions to His disciples were (Acts 1:2-3)?

1C. Why did Jesus tell His disciples to wait for the gift His Father promised (Acts 1:4-5)?

1D. According to our study so far, what are the three experiences God desires for every person (see also Acts 2:38)?

2A. Why did the disciples seem to have trouble grasping Jesus' instructions (Acts 1:6)?

2B. What was wrong with the disciple's question in Acts 1:6 according to Jesus (Acts 1:7)?

2C. What is the primary purpose of the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)?

2D. From what you know about the book of Acts, how were Jesus' disciples transformed by the power of the Spirit?

3A. Since Jesus ascended into heaven, how can He continue His ministry here on earth (Acts 1:9)?

3B. In what ways can we miss out on God's mission for us by focusing on heaven (Acts 1:10-11a)?

3C. When will Jesus return (Acts 1:11b, Matthew 24:14)?

3D. Based on this lesson, what is your next step in your spiritual journey?