



HOME GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SERMON 25th May 2025

LIVING IN THE GLORY OF THE ASCENSION!

- four life-changing commands

Acts 1: 1-11

ICEBREAKER: Did you ever work for an inspirational leader? What happened when they left?

1. BELIEVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

(v1-3) In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

(v6-7) So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

Q1: What is the difference between the kingdom which Jesus is establishing and the one the disciples are talking about in v6?

Q2: In what way is the attitude of the disciples spiritually unhealthy?

2. RESPECT GOD'S TIMING

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Q3: Why do the disciples need to be together in Jerusalem for the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Q4: What does baptism in the Holy Spirit mean for disciples today?

3. RECEIVE GOD'S POWER

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Q5: Why does the Holy Spirit come?

Q6: Why does Jesus depart in this way?

4. AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Q7: What's the point of the two men in white robes?

Q8: How should we live now?

A PRAYER

Loving Heavenly Father, thank you for taking your Son Jesus Christ to glory in such a dramatic and inspiring way. Help me believe in the Kingdom you are building through him. Grant me a profound respect for your timing and an unwavering faith in your judgement. Help me to be open to your power and obedient to your command, that I might be a faithful witness to goodness of God. While I wait for the return of Christ, help me live in the glory of the Ascension, for the sake of your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.