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## THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM – ACTS 1:6-11

### GETTING STARTED

Even after Jesus rose from the dead, the Apostles were still confused about what Jesus was going to do. They had an expectation of a physical kingdom, but Jesus was going to use them to build his spiritual kingdom. Jesus commissions them to go and preach in Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. While the disciples had their eyes set on just Jerusalem or Israel, Jesus was going to send them into every people group and nation on earth to share what he has done. He would equip them with the Holy Spirit for the task and he gives them the promise that he will return. As Jesus ascends into heaven, we are reminded that his kingship isn't over, but just beginning. We are now called to be his heralds going out before him, into all the earth to declare what he has done.

### READ THE TEXT: ACTS 1:6-11

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,



<sup>11</sup> 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.”

## **UNDERSTAND THE TEXT**

1. What were the disciples expecting Jesus to do? Why did they expect that? What answer did Jesus give them?
2. What role does each member of the Trinity play in this passage? How should we think about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our lives?
3. What are we told about the return of Jesus from this passage? What comfort is given in this passage about his return?

## **APPLY THE TEXT**

4. How does the authority of the Father inform how we share the gospel?
5. What are the implications of this commission “to the ends of the earth” for us today? How does that impact our life?

## **SHARE & PRAY**

1. As we study the book of Acts, think carefully about 1 or 2 people that you would like to actively share the gospel with. Share them with your life group and hold one another accountable in prayer and support.
2. In light of Acts 1:6-11 pray that we would set our eyes on what God calls us to do, that we would boldly share our faith as we patiently wait for the coming of Jesus.

