

Jesus' Final Instructions & Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

Opening Question – share your response to (a) or (b)

- a) What day of the year can you hardly wait for, and why?
- b) Who would you want to write your life story? Why?

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Read Acts 1:1-11.** How does this book pick up where Luke 24:45-53 left off?
- 2) Why do you think Luke took so much time and effort to write Luke-Acts (cf. Luke 1:1-4)?
- 3) If you were one of the disciples, how would you have felt about Jesus leaving?
- 4) For what are the apostles eager and even impatient? How does their idea of the kingdom (v. 6) differ from Jesus' (vv. 7-8)?
- 5) How does Jesus deal with their eagerness and impatience?
- 6) Think of a time when you were eager to get started with something, and you had to wait. What was the value of waiting?
- 7) Picture yourself as one of the apostles at the ascension (vv. 9-11). What do you see and hear? What do you say and do?
- 8) Why do you think God sent angelic messengers to the apostles at this moment?
- 9) Which of Jesus' instructions were specific to his apostles? Which were for all his followers?
- 10) Where or to whom do you feel called to be Christ's witness?

What holds you back from witnessing to others about Jesus?
 - Lack of knowledge
 - Lack of concern
 - Lack of courage
 - Lack of non-Christians friends or acquaintances
 - Nothing—I'm doing it!
 - Other: _____
- 11) How can this group encourage you and pray for you?