



Sermon Discussion Guide

Acts

Acts 1:1-11

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

1. Ronnie introduces the divine paradox of the ascension of Jesus. In your own words, why is this so counter-intuitive? Why does Ronnie say that the “Acts of the Apostles” is really the “Acts of Jesus Christ”?
2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

BIGGER MISSION (vv. 6, 8)

1. How does v8 function as a map of the rest of Acts?
2. What does v6 demonstrate about how the disciples interpreted Jesus’ resurrection?
3. What is the mission of the church, and what are ways that it can slip into “just making a cup of coffee”?
4. How does seeing yourself as “being sent” to Puerto Rico help you to participate in God’s mission?

BIGGER POWER (vv. 4-5, 8)

1. What is the power that Jesus is giving to the witnesses?
2. If the task is too big for the abilities, then who is doing the work? Can you name an example in your life?
3. In what ways is it encouraging that the work of the Holy Spirit feels ordinary?

BIGGER LOVE (v. 9, and cf. John 16:7)

1. What is one of the advantages that we receive because Jesus ascended?
2. Ronnie notes that Jesus is saying your name to the father. What could this mean in our daily life?

Step 3: Final Reflections

1. What is the Kingdom of God, and how can you get involved?
2. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
3. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?