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The Power of a Witness

Acts 1:6-11

I. God's Kingdom (vv. 6-7)

- A. Is Spirit baptism _____ with the coming kingdom? (Isa. 32:15-18; Ezek. 26:26-28; Joel 2:28-29)
- B. Is the kingdom spiritual _____ physical? (Matt. 3:2; 4:23; 5:3, 10; 6:33; 13:44, 45-46; 25:1, 10-13; 29-30, 31-32, 45-46)
- C. Is there a kingdom to be restored to _____? (Mk. 13:32; Deut. 29:29; Rev. 20:4)

II. The Holy Spirit's Power (v. 8)

- A. The power is _____ in your heart
(Eph. 1:17-18)
- B. The power is _____ in your life
(Gal. 5:24-25; Rom. 8:4-5)
- C. The power is _____ you in your witness
(Acts 2:32; 3:15; 10:39-42; 22:15-16)

III. Christ's Ascension (vv. 9-11)

- A. He ascended from the _____ of Olives; He will return to the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:12; Zech. 14:4)
- B. He ascended _____; He will return personally
(Mal. 3:1)
- C. He ascended _____; He will return visibly (Matt. 24:30)
- D. He was received up in a _____; He will come on the clouds of heaven (Matt. 24:30)
- E. He ascended _____; He will return with power and great glory (Matt. 24:30)

TAKE HOME

- How do both the spiritual and physical kingdom of God give you hope?
- How can you walk in the power of the Holy Spirit as you seek to be a witness of the Gospel?
- How do the similarities in the ascension and Second Coming of Christ encourage you?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 1:6-7. What is the question that the disciples are asking Jesus? How is Spirit baptism linked to the coming kingdom? (Isa. 32:15-18; Ezek. 26:26-28; Joel 2:28-29)

2. Is the kingdom spiritual or physical? Why does it matter? Explain your answer. (Matt. 3:2; 4:23; 5:3, 10; 6:33; 13:44, 45-46; 25:1, 10-13; 29-30, 31-32, 45-46)

3. Is there a kingdom to be restored to Israel? When will this happen? (Mk. 13:32; Deut. 29:29; Rev. 20:4) How does not knowing the timing help you trust God in your life?

4. Read Acts 1:8. When did you receive the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit transform you? (Gal. 5:24-25; Rom. 8:4-5)

5. How does the Holy Spirit propel you to be an active witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Acts 2:32; 3:15; 10:39-42; 22:15-16)

6. What are the similarities between the ascension of Christ and the Second Coming of Christ? (Acts 1:12; Zech. 14:4; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 24:30) How does this encourage you?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned in this passage?

“The light that shines the farthest will shine the brightest at home.”
- Dr. Oswald J. Smith