

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding
Acts 1:1-11 - Promises Around Christ's Ascension - 09.08.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. What are you most looking forward to as we've now started our journey through the book of Acts together?
I shared a specific theme for Acts as follows: "*Christ's work continues through His Church as empowered by the Holy Spirit.*"
Do you agree that this theme is fitting for the book, or do you see (an)other theme(s) as more prominent/fitting?
How does the theme listed above shape how we view our role/purpose in this life, as well as the means to accomplish it?
As you consider how you're living in this season, do you feel you're fulfilling the purpose of your life in the Lord?
How could you more faithfully carry out the work of Christ (to which you've been called) as you live each day?
3. How does the opening of the book of Acts help shape all that will follow in the rest of the book?
What specific promises are recorded in 1:1-11 - which ones have been fulfilled historically & which ones have yet to be fulfilled?
How does the Lord's faithfulness to fulfill previous promises give us confidence for future promises to be fulfilled too?
In what particular ways does Acts 1:1-11 encourage you, and how do these verses set the stage for what will follow in Acts?
4. Based Acts 1:8 - how are Christ's followers able to be faithful witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea/Samaria, & to the end of the earth?
Read Luke 24:44-49; John 14:16-17; 16:1-15; Romans 8:1-11 - how do these verses relate to what's written in Acts 1:8?
How will the Holy Spirit work differently in the lives of Christ's followers compared to how He worked before this promise?
5. As you read verses 9-11, how do the words spoken by the two men provide a hope for those who were there (& for us today too)?
Read Revelation 1:5-7 - how does this passage relate to what's been written here in Acts 1:9-11?
How do you live your life differently in light of the reality that Jesus will come back again just as he was taken up?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Jesus' ministry doesn't end with his ascension!
Jesus continues to work through The Church!
We're called by Jesus to be His witnesses to all!
Don't forget our purpose and calling in Him!
We're equipped for the work we're called to do!
We have all we need in the Holy Spirit's power!
Don't worry, Jesus is coming back again!!
Remember this truth and live accordingly!!