

OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...
Share a story about the first job you had.

DIG

How does having a mission differ from having a job?

What is it like to be entrusted with a mission?

Read Acts 1.3-11

Jesus is taken up into heaven. After He has ascended, his disciples continued to look up, presumably gaping at what they had witnessed.

Why do you think the apostles were still staring upward even though Jesus was gone?

What might the angel have been trying to get them to understand with his statement in verse 11?

The disciples had seen many wondrous things and they just saw Jesus leave with the promise of His return. While looking for Jesus' return wasn't a bad thing, the angel didn't want them to lose focus on their mission.

How can something "good" actually become a distraction from our mission?

How can we protect our mission from distractions?

APPLY

What is one way you can re-strengthen your commitment to the mission God has given you?

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Leaders

Sermon Series

This discussion guide is the first from a new series on a study of the book of Acts entitled "The Kingdom Unleashed: Themes in the Book of Acts." The series is designed to motivate people to embrace the Kingdom of God in their lives, making disciples of others.

Big Idea

Jesus doesn't just want us to sit around waiting for Him to come back, he wants us to be busy witnessing here (where we work and live), near (domestically) and clear around the world(globally).

Prayer

Pray for God's guidance and help for us to individually contribute to creating a community where people show each other grace and mercy.

Group Discussion Reminder

Our LIFE Groups are a great place to pour out the love we share into the lives of others. We can't keep this love and community to ourselves. Who do you know that might benefit from being part of your group? Share those names, pray for them, and ask God to give you the courage to talk to them about visiting your group.