

# One Mission

Acts 1:6-11

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**Big Idea: God empowers His church to accomplish His mission.**

## I. God's mission (vv. 6-7)

**Luke 24:44-45** | 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

## II. God's power (v. 8)

- a. Every believer is empowered with the Holy Spirit (v. 8a)

**Acts 1:4a** | And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father,

**Ezekiel 39:29** | And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.

- b. Every believer is empowered to witness and fulfill God's mission (v. 8b)

### III. God's promise (vv. 9-11)

**Luke 24:50-53** | 50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

a. Why does the ascension lead to worship?

i. It completes Jesus' earthly ministry

ii. It initiates Jesus' work to prepare a place for us

**John 14:3** | "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

iii. It leads to the Holy Spirit's outpouring

**John 16:7** | "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."

iv. It assures us that Jesus is coming back

**Revelation 7:1** | "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him."

**Matthew 24:14** | "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

### Benediction

**Revelation 22:20-21** | 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."