



1: Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 5** *What else did God create?
- **Answer.** God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.
- **Scripture Reference. Genesis 1:31**

2: May 19 Sermon - Study Questions

- **Acts 1:1-11**
 - Pray for God’s wisdom to rightly understand the passage
 - **Questions**
1. Discuss an overview of the Book of Acts. Who wrote it? What is the theme (Acts 1:8)? What is the style of writing? How does the style of writing impact our interpretation and application?
 2. How does Luke connect the events of his two books (the Gospel of Luke and Acts) in Acts 1?
 3. In verse 3, Luke points out that Jesus had shown many “proofs” to the disciples? Why is proof of the physical resurrection of Christ important to our faith?
 4. Read verse 6. What were the disciples hoping Jesus would do? How does that differ from what Jesus plans to do?
 5. Have you ever realized that your hopes are different than God’s will? How did you know you were off?
 6. Read verse 8. What is God’s plan for His disciples?

7. Discuss what it means to “be my witnesses”.
8. Geographically, how does the flow of locations listed progress throughout the verse? What does this tell us about God’s plan for His Kingdom to move forward?
9. Why might some of these people and locations have been difficult for the disciples to imagine going to?
10. Are there people or places that you find it difficult to care for and share Christ with?
11. In verse 1, Luke says that his gospel covered the events that Jesus “began to do and teach”. How is the Book of Acts a continuation of what Jesus does if he ascends into heaven in the first chapter? Look at verse 8 again. What is the empowering force sent by Jesus to be witnesses and who is it empowering?
12. As the disciples are sent out by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit to advance Christ’s Kingdom, what kinds of trials will they face? How do they persevere?
13. How are these similar to the trials we face as we seek to bear witness to Christ? How can we persevere in our context and continue to proclaim Christ?

3: Closing

- **Prayer:** Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- **Prayer Challenge:** Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism