

Duane Major

Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Acts 1:1-11

1. What do the four places named in verse 8 (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth) represent? What connection do they have with each other?
2. If you were to rewrite the verse with place names that correspond to where you live, would names would they be? Why? What does this tell you about what Jesus intended?
3. Who is Jesus talking to? Who is Jesus talking about? Why the possible distinction?
4. What does Jesus say his followers will do?
5. What does being a witness mean? Witness to what?
6. If our vision statement did not include 'in the world' how would we be different? What would this mean?
7. How are you involved in God's mission at the local level? How could you be involved?
8. How does what you are (or could be) involved in at the local level impact on/connect with the regional, national and global level?
9. Why is it important to be aware of these wider contexts?
10. 'To the ends of the earth.' What would this have meant to the disciples? What does it mean to us? How has the meaning of this phrase (or its implementation) changed?
11. What missional spaces is God moving you into?

Prayer points:

- Pray for all the people in the North Island affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- Pray for the ill and vulnerable in our communities.
- Pray for those affected by violence and conflict around the globe.