



Small Group Study Questions

Week 1

Acts 1:1-11 (NASB)

1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had given orders by the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. 3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of things regarding the kingdom of God. 4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.

”6 So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 But He said to them, “It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.

”9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, 11 and they said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

QUICK REVIEW

What was one thing that Pastor Fred said in his sermon this past week that stands out to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

How were you at following directions as a child?

What was the last thing you had to put together? Did you use the directions?

Read Acts 1:1-11

How are you at waiting for something you are looking forward to? (ie Christmas presents, tax return, spouses' work trip to be over, etc)

Read vs. 7

Is there ever a time you have asked God "when"?

Now that you have heard the story, you are a witness of Jesus. What is your responsibility as a witness?

DIGGING DEEPER

What do you think the disciples were thinking as they looked up as Jesus was ascending?

Have you ever been in God's presence and never wanted to leave?

Read vs. 11

Why were the men not to keep looking up at the sky? What does this mean for us?

TAKING IT HOME

Which point from this weekend's message or small group study is most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUEST

