

## "We've Been Invited To Join His 'Adventure"

Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:1-11, 28:30-31
Sunday | December 16th, 2018 | Pastor Patrick Bowler

CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

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(Other texts cited: Jn. 20:21, Acts 6:7, 9:31, 12:24, 16:5, 19:20)

## DISCUSS

- 1. Read Luke 24:44-53. Considering all that we celebrate at Christmas time (i.e. the birth of Christ), what strikes you about the end of Luke's gospel?
- 2. "To be continued..." We tend to see those words in terms of waiting not in terms of activity (i.e. a imperative or mandate). How does this distinction affect the church?
- 3. Read Acts 1:1-11 and discuss. Another "to be continued," so to speak. Is this one of waiting or activity? Explain.

4. Read Acts 28:30-31. Does the mission seem accomplished to you? What does thi mean for us today?
5. Pastor Patrick said that we've been invited to join the "adventure." What did he mean? How does that make you <i>feel</i> ?
6. Through the lens of the definition of the word "adventure," talk about the mission of the church. What's "unusual?" What's "exciting?" What "hazards" might we face? What's the "undertaking?"
7. What immediate applications can be made in light of this message?
8. As a group, pray for our "missionaries:" (1) Mike and Ann Miner, (2) Kevin and Debbie Nelson (Kyiv, Ukraine), (3) Tanner and Gayle Sheahan (La Grande, OR), (4 Rick and Ali Reeves (Eugene, OR)
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