

## Response Questions

### Acts 1:1-14

1. Acts 1 shows the Church in a moment of transition - between Jesus' earthly ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit. How can the Church today stay faithful and adaptable during seasons of change or uncertainty? Explore how churches can remain mission-focused amid cultural shifts or internal transitions.
2. It's important for us to remember that the mission of the church is really the mission of Jesus. Understanding that the mission is Jesus', how does that transform your view of your place in the spread of the mission?
3. What are some examples of ways we can participate in the mission of Jesus in the world?
4. In Acts 1:6 the disciples ask Jesus about restoring Israel, but He redirects them toward witnessing. What does this reveal about the nature of God's mission versus human expectations? Consider and discuss how our personal or cultural agendas can distract from God's global mission.
5. "To witness" means telling others about our experience with Jesus as well as living a life that speaks of him. Reflect on your own experience of "witnessing." How does it compare and contrast with the vision presented here?
6. In Acts 1:11 the disciples are challenged not to just stand and look but to go and act. In what ways might we be "standing and looking" instead of actively witnessing?
7. Acts 1:14 emphasizes that the disciples were united in prayer. What role does prayer play in preparing and sustaining mission work today?
8. What do you think the disciples were praying for as they waited for the Holy Spirit? How can our churches today learn to wait on God with purpose and expectation? Talk about how churches can balance action and waiting on God's leading.