

ACTS 1 PART II

Main Point: Waiting And Working

9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Acts 1:9-11

Digging Deeper

Working while we wait:

As the disciples stood there watching the sky, the angels asked them” Why are you standing there looking up?” One could infer that the implied task was to Get to work. Every Follower of Christ has a part to play in the kingdom! **Do you know yours?**

Are you Kingdom Minded?

Jesus tells Pilate before his Crucifixion that his kingdom is not of this world (John 18:26) and before that he began preaching ‘Repent for the kingdom of heaven is **AT HAND** (Matthew 4:17 *emphasis mine*) So what is the kingdom? While the disciples were still looking for a physical kingdom in Acts 1:6, we are reminded through all of Jesus’ teachings that the kingdom of God is not of this world and is within us. We are citizens of this Kingdom and ambassadors of his Glory to the world around us.

Read Luke 19:11-27

Consider how this parable teaches us to Work in the absence of our master.

Discussion Questions

1. Acts 1:6 the disciples were concerned about the restoration of Israel. They were still looking for a physical King, yet we know that the kingdom of heaven is more than just physical. It's not of this world, spiritual. How are we to represent This kingdom as ambassadors before the second coming?
2. How does our work for human masters/bosses affect this kingdom? (*Hint: Colossians 3:23*)
3. How does the parable in Luke 19 affect your life?
4. Who are the ‘enemies’ in the parable?
5. The work of the disciples started with prayer. What is prayer? Why is prayer important in waiting and working? Pray acronym (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield)
6. Do you know your role as an ambassador for His Kingdom? If not I would challenge you to pray about it.