

ACTS: To the Ends of the Earth

Study 2: Christ's Master Plan

READ Acts 1:4-11 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

The disciples stood face to face with the resurrected Christ. With eager expectation they asked, "Will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Jesus' reply would not only change the direction of the disciples' lives forever, but the life of every believer since. In this study, our resurrected Lord lays out His "Master Plan" that will ensure the spread of His glory to the ends of the earth.

Big idea: Jesus continues to do and teach through Spirit empowered witnesses of Christ

Questions:

1. What question did the disciples ask in v. 6? Why do you think they may have asked this question?

Did they fail to comprehend something about Christ's kingdom? What might that have been?

2. In light of v. 7, what should be our attitude as we live for Christ and await His second coming? See also 2 Tim 4:7-8.
3. In v.8 Jesus outlines His "Master Plan" for His mission strategy. Identify the three aspects of this plan.
 - i) What is the mission?

What does the word "witness" mean, as used in the book of Acts? See 2:32; 3:15; 10:39; 22:15. In what way is every believer a "witness" for Christ? Perhaps think about how believers can witness in ways angels cannot.

- ii) What is the mission resource? What might this practically look like and how is it an encouragement?

- iii) What is the mission scope? What does the scope of the mission suggest about ethnic diversity and the value of people groups around the world?

4. What assurance did the angels give the disciples (v. 11)? How is this an encouragement for you today?
5. What was the meaning behind the angels' question in v. 11?
6. Practically speaking, how might you be a witness for Christ today? Who has the Lord put in your path to befriend, pray for and witness to? Share with your group.

STOP AND PRAY:

Confess: your fear, laziness, and apathy in putting your plans above Christ's plan

Praise: Jesus for the privilege of calling you to be a witness for Him

Pray: that you may be a faithful witness, by the Spirit's power, in your area of life