

## WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Acts 1:1-11

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ALREADY HERE

Acts 1:1-7

- Even after three years of Jesus' preaching, the disciples were still confused about the kind of kingdom He was talking about.
- They had expected a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom, overthrowing the current earthly powers by seizing victory through battle.
- Jesus had already inaugurated a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom, overthrowing spiritual powers by His resurrection and triumph over death.
- The Kingdom of God is not about political power at all, but about the spiritual power that God already has over everything and continues to grow in the hearts and lives of His followers through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### BE HIS WITNESSES UNTIL HE RETURNS

Acts 1:8-11

- Jesus told the disciples they would soon receive power from the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.
- Jesus ascended into heaven and the angels instructed the disciples not to stand around waiting for His return.

### SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Like the first disciples of Jesus, we have work to do while we wait for His return!

Witness with your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Who are the people in your Jerusalem, Judea/Samaria, and ends of the earth who need to hear you talk about Jesus and the redemption He offers?*

Witness with your \_\_\_\_\_.

*In what ways do you need to grow in making sure your actions help you point people to Jesus?*

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### MARK 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (See also: Matthew 6:33, 12:18, 19:24, 21:28-46; Mark 4; Luke 13:18-30, 17:20-21; John 3:1-16)

### MATTHEW 24:35-36

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

### ACTS 4:20

"...for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

### ROMANS 10:13-14

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

### 1 PETER 3:15

...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...

### GALATIANS 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### EPHESIANS 4:1b-3,32

...walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ... Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

### PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

### 1 PETER 1:13-16

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

(See also: Romans 12:9-21, Ephesians 5:1-2, Philippians 4:4-9, Colossians 3, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22, and 1 John 5:7)

On what Jesus is doing now: Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, Hebrews 4:6