

THE ACTS OF OUR ASCENDED KING

Acts 1:1-11

- I. Christ is extending His kingdom from heaven.
- II. Christ is extending His kingdom through His Spirit-filled witnesses.
- III. Christ is extending His kingdom to the ends of the earth.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the kingdom of God? Is it an important theme in Acts? Why, or why not?
2. When Luke tells us that his first volume is about all that Jesus *began* to do and teach before He was lifted up to heaven, what does that tell us about the content of this second volume? What is the difference between the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts?
3. What is Christ's ascension? Why is it important? And how does it encourage us as the church now?
4. Why does Jesus tell the apostles to wait in Jerusalem? What did they need in order to extend Christ's kingdom?
5. What is a witness? What was Pastor Nick's point when he said that *witness* is not a verb, but rather is a noun?
6. What promises did God give in the OT that are being fulfilled when the gospel goes from Jerusalem to Samaria to the ends of the world?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does Christ's ascension and the outpouring of His Spirit change the way I view the church and her mission?
2. Do I perceive myself as Christ's witness? How does my self-perception (i.e., sense of identity) relate to the act of witnessing?
3. Do I have a global mentality? How could I be cultivating a heart for the nations in myself and my family?