

MISSION CONTROL

Acts 1:4-11

- God the Father's **plan** gives us **confidence**.
- God the Son's **reign** gives us **purpose**.
- God the Spirit's **power** gives us **boldness**.
- The ascended Christ continues His **mission** through a people **empowered** by the Spirit according to the Father's **sovereign** plan.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Acts 1:4-7 Why do you think we often become more concerned with God's timetable than God's assignment? How have you experienced waiting on God's timing in your own life?
Is. 46:8-10; Deut. 29:29; Luke 24:44-49
2. Does seeing Jesus as the reigning King change the way you think about the mission of the church? In what ways can we unintentionally make ministry about our plans rather than Christ's mission? Where do you see evidence that Christ is still actively building His church today?
Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1; Dan. 7:13-14; Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 1:20-23
3. What is the difference between trying to serve God in your own strength and serving in the Spirit's power? How can our small group encourage one another to depend more intentionally on the Holy Spirit?
Joel 2:28-32; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Zech. 4:6, John 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7
4. Read Acts 1:8 and discuss how this is the "Table of Contents" for the book of Acts. Who are the "Jerusalem," "Judea," "Samaria," and "ends of the earth" people in your life? Why is it important that Jesus' mission includes both local and global witness? What practical step could you take this week to intentionally bear witness to Christ locally AND globally?
Is. 49:6; Rom. 10:13-15; Gal. 3:29, Rom. 4:13, Rev. 7:9-10, Matt. 28:18-20
5. How should the certainty of Jesus' return shape the way we live today? What are some unhealthy ways Christians can become distracted by end-times speculation? If Jesus returned this week, what would you most want Him to find you faithfully doing?
Titus 2:11-14; 2 Pet. 3:10-14; 1 John 3:2-3
6. Which truth about the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit most encouraged or challenged you this week, and how will it shape the way you live as Christ's witness?

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