

Our Task On Earth

Acts 1:1-11

Introduction

Jesus' answer to the evil and the sickness of our world was found in a kingdom that wasn't of this world. His solution wasn't a different political leader, or a government program, or a new set of laws, or a different social ideology. His answer to the wickedness of this world was the Kingdom of God. It was the answer for Jesus' culture, and it's the answer for our culture. And guess who Jesus commissions to usher in God's Kingdom? It's us- the church.

Scripture for study

Foundation Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

The Holy Spirit- John 16:5-8, 12-15

Message Outline

How to introduce the Kingdom of God to the world...

1. Wait for my leading

When we fail to wait...

- We move ahead without understanding
- We move ahead without power
- We move ahead without the right priorities

2. Be empowered with God's gift

3. Tell them about me

Three Important Relationships

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think the world is in worse shape today compared to 50 years ago? Why or why not?
2. Why are people so divided in our society today? What are some answers to the world's problems that you hear suggested?
3. What is your definition of the Kingdom of God? What are some differences between the Kingdom of God and a Kingdom on earth (like the United Kingdom)?
4. Have you ever failed to wait on God? What happened?
5. In your opinion, what is the most important role of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Why?
6. Why do you think it's so hard for many people to simply be a witness for Jesus?
7. Read Acts 1:9-11 together. In what ways are we like the disciples, gazing up into heaven?

Review and Reflection

. We've been entrusted with the most important job in all creation: introducing the Kingdom of God to a world that is doomed unless they find Jesus. Government won't save us. Programs won't save us. People need to meet Jesus. Pray that during this study of Acts you and your group will answer the call to go and be a witness for Jesus.