

**Why Are You Standing Here?**  
Date: 1/17/16

## Read Together

**Read the Scripture and overview below before your Life Group meets.**

Scripture passage: Acts 1:4-11

As followers of Christ, we believe the Gospel transforms and shapes our lives, compelling us to live out a missional presence in the world. Because of the Gospel and its impact on us, our conviction is not only to observe a need, but also actively engage the need, confront the need, and embrace the need for the glory of God. Our Heavenly Father adopted us as His children by giving His only Son as payment for our sins. He saw our need and engaged by reaching out to us. Because God reached out for us, we must reach out to others and point them to Jesus. His great love empowers and implores us to live on mission for Him. We can't just stand here; we must go there. God has called us to live on mission for Him as a way of life.

## Pray Together

**Use the first few minutes of your lesson to lead your group in a focused prayer time.**

- **Praise** God for His supremacy and authority and for His love and mercy.
- **Repent** from any disobedience or complacency that hinders God's work in your life.
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit to empower you to reach out to others in your daily life.
- **Yield** to the Spirit's power and go where God leads you.

## Discuss Together

**Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion with your Life Group.**

- Describe what "missional living" is in your own words.

**Read John 20:21 along with Acts 1:4-9.**

- What did Jesus command His disciples to do in John 20:21? What does He instruct them to do in the Acts passage and what does He promise will come?
- How would the Holy Spirit help them live? (See also John 14:15-27, John 16:5-15, Romans 8:1-17, Galatians 5:16-26)
- Reread Acts 1:6. Why did the disciples ask Jesus this question? What were they looking for?
- Do you ever find yourself desperately hoping for a change in the political or spiritual climate of the day? What can you recall about God that can bring you comfort and security in these times?
- The disciples were wanting a "take over" in government because of Jesus' departure. They were clinging to their need to control, when what they really needed was surrender. Is it difficult for you to "let go" of the things you desire to control and give them over to God in complete surrender? When have you had to do this? Describe the outcome.



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- Acts 1:8 promises Holy Spirit power. What is “Holy Spirit Power”? How can we utilize this power?
  - Luke 24:45-48
  - John 14:15-17
  - John 16:7-15
  - 2 Corinthians 3:17
  - Ephesians 1:18-23
- Discuss this truth: “What God commands, He enables.” How have you seen this truth be made manifest in your life?
- Have you ever been a witness to Jesus Christ in your Jerusalem, your Judea and Samaria, or to the ends of the earth? Share this with your Life Group.
- **Read Acts 1:9-11.** Jesus ascends to Heaven, and His disciples are left standing. Are you standing and waiting to find your “Go There”? What is holding you back from reaching your destination?
- Discuss some “Go There” people and places in your life. What is your “Go There” strategy? Discuss this with your group and ask for accountability in executing this strategy.
- Will you pray and ask God to burden your heart for the lost in your areas of influence? Will you pray with expectancy asking God to do something in your life or our church this year that would honor Him?
- Ponder these questions this week:
  - If not you, who?
  - If not now, when?
  - If not here, where?
  - If not this, what?

## Do Life Together

These questions are meant to encourage you to apply spiritual truth and live on mission for Jesus. It is your Life Group leader’s responsibility to challenge you and hold you accountable to taking steps of growth and faith. Take these questions to heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you to grow in your role as a disciple and ultimately, a disciple-maker.

- Who will you reach out to this week with your “Go There” strategy?
- Who is holding you accountable to this?



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