

## Acts 1:1-14 Discussion Questions

1. After spending 40 days with the resurrected Jesus, the disciples' last question to Him is, when is the Kingdom going to be restored? While this might surprise us, the reality is that the coming of the Kingdom of God was both central to Jesus' ministry and the promised future hope of the Old Testament. The coming of God's kingdom means the end of evil and the salvation of His people.

- a. What is the Kingdom of God and what relevance does it have for your life today?
- b. Where have you seen the transformative power of the Kingdom most clearly in your own life or the lives of those around you?
- c. In what areas or situations have you recently be praying for God's kingdom to come and His will be done? Why have these weighed heavily on your heart?

2. The disciples want to know when God is going to completely fulfill His promises. Jesus responds by adjusting their focus onto what their mission is and what they need to do. They need to stop focusing on when God is going to fulfill His promises, and instead to do their part: in this case it is to wait for God's power and then to be His witnesses.

- a. Can you relate to the disciples here? Do you find yourself asking God *when* He is going to do what you are hoping for, and instead He shifts the focus to what you need to do? If so, tell us about it.
- b. When you are in this kind of situation what is the difference between waiting the right way and the wrong way? (Hint: What do the disciples do as they wait?)

3. Jesus tells them to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit so that they can be faithful witnesses. We see the Spirit arrive in Acts 2 and He continues to fill all believers since then. That means that if you are a Christian today you also have the power of God by Holy Spirit available to you.

- a. How does the fact that God has given you His power by His Spirit impact you?
- b. If you genuinely believed that Christ has gifted you with His power, what would you do with it?
- c. How did the disciples prepare and posture themselves to receive God's power?
- d. If you believe that Christ has gifted you with His power, are you willing to do what the disciples did? Why or why not?