

THAT WAS THEN, THIS IS NOW
Christianity In The Making: From Jerusalem To South Bay
Acts 1:1-26

Questions For Life Group Study

If you had time machine that could take you on a trip into the past, to what time and place would you go?

Who would you want to write your biography? Why them? What do they know about you that you'd like your Life Group to know?

How would you describe the church to someone who had never heard of it? What is its purpose? How does one become a member? Where is it?

What, in your opinion, is the importance of the church and the necessity for all Christians to be part of it?

When did the Scriptures become authoritative for you?

Think back about the works of the earthly Jesus and those of the Christian Church. What are some things our church should be doing to come closer to fulfilling Christ's mission?

How does the culture around us tend to define the church?

Questions And Scriptures For Further Personal Study

How does this book pick up where Luke 24:45-53 left off?

What do the disciples think will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 1:6

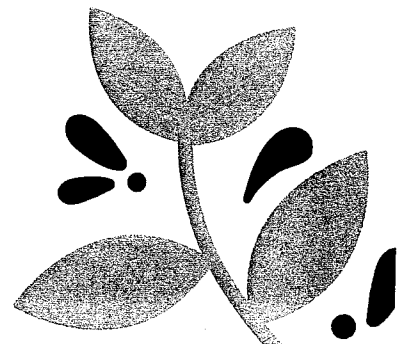
What are some of the ways their idea and Jesus' idea of the Kingdom differ? Acts 1:7-8

As a Christ-follower, what is the impact of Jesus' words in Acts 1:8? Of Jesus' departure in Acts 1:9? Of the angels' promise in Acts 1:11? Of Jesus' related promise in John 16:5-15?

In light of Peter's earlier denial of Jesus, how might the others feel about his leadership?

How would the events of John 21:15-19 calm any fears they had?

One of the responsibilities of the Holy Spirit is to produce the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Read Galatians 5:22-23.



When you see a list like this you can often focus too much on what your part is in producing this fruit instead of on God's part.

What insights into your role in fruit bearing do you see in this quote?

“I believe there is a reason Paul listed these virtues and moved on. They aren't given to us as goals to pursue. Why? Because you and I cannot produce fruit... That's not our responsibility. The Holy Spirit is the producer. We are merely the bearers. The fruit of the Spirit was never intended to be a demonstration of our dedication and resolve. It is the evidence of our dependency on and sensitivity to the promptings of the Spirit.”

From *The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life* by Charles Stanley

How does John 15:1-6 help you better understand what your role, God's role, and Jesus' role are in fruit-bearing?

Are there any steps you could take that would help you in your role of remaining/abiding?

Jesus' last conversation with His disciples before His death was at the Last Supper. Several times during that discussion Jesus talked about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. After reading the following verses, write down what the Holy Spirit does for believers and how He facilitates the spread of the Gospel?

John 14:16-17

John 14:25-26

John 15:26-27

John 16:5-15

Acts 1:8 was not the first time Jesus had spelled out the mission He was giving his disciples. What do the following two passages add to your understanding of the mission God desires all Christians to be involved in?

Matthew 9:35-38

Matthew 28:18-20

Are you a witness to what you've experienced or only one who agrees with what you have heard? Are there further step you need to be taking to be a full part of the church?

To get the most out of this series on Acts, what will you put into it? Will you apply yourself to the disciplines of study, prayer, outreach, life group, or an accountability partner?