

## Just One More Thing – Holy Spirit

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Acts 1:1-11

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **Read and discuss Acts 1:1-9 (NIV)**

*In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.”*

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

\*What is this passage saying? What does it tell us about God?

\*What is this passage saying to us? How does it speak to mystery and uncertainty?

#### **Jesus final message to the disciples was also to us**

He talked about the Kingdom of God

He talked about the Holy Spirit

He talked about loving and going to the entire world

#### **The church (us) exists for the Kingdom of God**

\*What are ways you stay focused on telling and demonstrating the Kingdom?

\*What places has he given you a vision of restoration for this earth? What are you working with God to restore?

#### **The Holy Spirit is the greatest asset we have**

\*How can we remind ourselves we have the living God, living in us?

\*When have you recently depended on the Holy Spirit? How are you walking with the Spirit?

#### **Jesus is calling us to stop standing around and step into what you already are**

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky?”

\*If we know the purpose and we have the helper, why do we catch ourselves standing?

\*How does this challenge you? Where are you being distracted?

**Would you commit to pray this prayer 3 times a day for the next week to reorient ourselves to things Jesus seemed to care about most and help us rise above the distractions of our day?**

*'Our Father in heaven, holy is your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'*

**Visual reflection (Visio Divina)\***    [Holy Spirit](#) by Sabina Kiss

**Song for reflection**    [Build Your Kingdom Here](#) by Rend Collective

\*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.