

Study Questions

Empowered for Change

Acts 1:6-8

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- 1) **READ** Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 1:1-4; Luke 24:44-49. [**SUPPLEMENTARY STUDY: READ** Acts 1:9-11 and then Luke 24:50-53. Are there two ascensions of Jesus Christ? **EXPLAIN** how those two sections of Scripture relate to one another.] What was the concern of the disciples as they interacted with Jesus after His resurrection (v. 6)? Why would they ask Jesus this question after He was risen from the dead (cf. **Lk 1:33; Lk 2:25-38; Lk 4:43; Lk 8:1**)? What was Jesus' reply to them (v. 7)?
- 2) Why would the Lord kept things back from His people? How then should we understand **Jeremiah 33:3**? Are Jesus' disciples asking the right questions? If not, which question(s) should they have asked? In your communication with the Lord have you ever felt as if you were asking for the wrong thing? Explain.
- 3) What were the two things Jesus said would happen to the disciples in **verse 8**? Where would they accomplish the things Jesus empowered them to do? Why would they need this power to accomplish this mission? Couldn't they have simply gone out without that power and used their smarts, technology and wisdom to get things done? What biblical principle can we learn from this interaction?
- 4) When Jesus stated, "**You will receive power...**" (v. 8), was He only speaking to the original 11 disciples or others as well? Support your answer with Scripture. Does this mean you also have power? In some of our discussions we may talk about what other Christians understand that power to be. What do some think the purpose of the power of the Holy Spirit?
- 5) Jesus told the disciples not to focus on times and seasons but instead to focus on what? Jesus said, "You will receive power..." "You" is the plural form of the word. Answer the following questions:

- Do you believe you have power?
- What are you doing with that power?
- Do you want the power that someone else has possession of?
- What has God placed in your control?