



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of September 1, 2024

Acts 1:6-11

[6] So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” [7] He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” [9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

1. In Acts 1:6, the disciples ask Jesus when He is going to restore the kingdom to Israel. What kind of kingdom were the disciples expecting Jesus to restore? Were the disciples foolish and ignorant for believing that Jesus would do such a thing? Explain.
2. Explain how the disciples showed that it is possible to believe in God strongly, but at the same time have too narrow of a view of all that Jesus can and will do. In what ways do Christians do the same today?
3. What is the extent and scope of the kingdom of God that Jesus came to restore? What does He expect from His disciples to bring about His kingdom? Is this an unrealistic goal? Explain your answer.
4. What are some simple practical steps you can take to start sharing the gospel and begin the process of becoming a witness for Jesus Christ?
5. The disciples were looking for Jesus to provide a practical solution to free their nation from Roman rule. In similar fashion, Joni Erickson Tada prayed to the Lord to heal her broken body after the tragic accident that left her a quadriplegic. In both situations, the Lord had a much bigger goal to accomplish. Think about your own suffering and struggles. In what way have you put a ceiling on God’s power and purpose in your life? How does becoming a witness for Christ help to change your perspective on your trials and tribulations?