

The Church on the Move: an Empowered Community (Acts 1:1-11)

Introduction

- Who wrote Acts, to whom, and roughly when?
- What is Acts about?
- What might be a better title for Acts?

Acts 1:1-11

- Why is v3 encouraging?
- Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God?
- What would the Holy Spirit do for the apostles in v4-5?
- What do the apostles understand by the “kingdom” in v6?
- How does Jesus respond in v7?
- What does v8 tell us about?
- What momentous event happens in v9?
- What reassurance do the angels give the apostles in v10-11?

Lessons

i The mission of the church on the move

- How should we think of ourselves as a church?
- What is the first reason that the church’s mission is so urgent?

- What makes Jesus' words in v8 so significant?
- What, then, is our mission all about?
- Do you think of yourself as a witness?
- What is the second reason that the church's mission is so urgent?
- How far must the apostles' mission take them?
- How much do you care about international mission?
- What three things will help you to become more international-mission-minded?

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- What is the good news for you if you are not a Christian?

ii The power of the church on the move

- Which verse does Jesus echo in v4-5?
- What does John the Baptist say about his baptism in that verse?
- What does it mean, then, that the Holy Spirit is coming?
- What, according to v8, will the Holy Spirit give the apostles?
- Note another verse which links the Holy Spirit with power.
- How much do we need the Holy Spirit's power?
- What, then, should you do when you next engage in Christian service?