

Acts – 5/24/26

Read

Read Acts 1:1-11 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

Examine

- Why might it be important that Luke describes his Gospel as describing “all that Jesus *began* to do and teach”? How does that set up our expectations for Acts, which is “Part 2” to Luke’s Gospel?
- What is the significance of the Holy Spirit to this passage?
- Jesus refers to his disciples as “witnesses.” How does this shape your understanding of the Christian life and its mission? How do you think v.8 connects to the rest of Acts?
- When people talk about the gospel, they tend to speak of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. What is Jesus’ ascension (v.9-11), and why does it matter to the gospel message? What does the certainty of Christ’s return teach about the future?

Apply

- V.1-3 speaks of Jesus’ resurrection as a true, historical event. How is the historicity of Jesus important to the Christian faith? How might this text be helpful in talking to those skeptical that Christianity is true?
- The disciples’ question in v.6 reveals that they still expected Jesus to rule in a way that fit their expectations and categories. What expectations do people have about Jesus today that don’t fit his mission? How can we align ourselves best with Jesus’ mission rather than our own?
- Are there any areas in your life where you try to follow Jesus apart from depending on God’s Holy Spirit? How can you grow in total dependence on him?
- Jesus’ disciples are his “witnesses.” What practical steps can you take to grow in this identity? How can you be a witness for Jesus in your family, neighborhood, workplace, etc.?
- What impact might regular reflection on the ascension and second coming of Christ have on your daily life?

Pray

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.