



FOUNDATIONS

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Acts 1:6-11

MISUNDERSTANDING #1: The _____ Question -

"Lord, are you at this _____?"

MISUNDERSTANDING #2: The _____ Question -

"Are you going to restore the _____?"

- Jerusalem
- Judea
- Samaria
- Ends of the Earth
 - ...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. (**Genesis 12:3b**)
 - It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth. (**Isaiah 49:6**)



- How can they call upon the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? (**Romans 10:14-15a**)

MISUNDERSTANDING #3: The _____ Question -

"Lord, are _____...?"

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Imagine that you have been asked to name a racehorse in the Kentucky Derby in honor of your spouse or a good friend; what would you name it?

1. In [Acts 1:6-11](#), we see Jesus' disciples misunderstanding the when, what and who of Christ's coming kingdom. But Jesus corrected them and revealed their part in His kingdom. Has there been a time when you allowed your misunderstanding of a situation to distract you from fulfilling your part in it? Share your experience.
2. Dr. Stumbo indicated that the "kingdom" the disciples were talking about was restoring Israel alone ([Isaiah 49:6](#)), which was small and narrow-minded. Jesus, instead, shocked His disciples by including not just Jews in His kingdom, but Samaritans and Gentiles too ([Acts 1:8](#)). Are there any people groups that you have a hard time accepting as being invited into God's kingdom? How does Jesus's call to His disciples impact your perspectives toward these groups?
3. Look at [Acts 1](#) again. In verse 6 the disciples asked if Jesus is now going to restore the kingdom. In verse 9 He gives an emphatic answer when he ascends to heaven: "no". But if Jesus isn't going to "restore the kingdom", then, according to verse 8, who is? What is your role in this mission?
4. [Acts 1:8](#) calls on Christ-followers to cross the street, cross personal boundaries (be they cultural or spiritual), and even cross borders to tell people about Jesus. If you are a Christ-follower, where and how have you carried out this mission?
5. Read [Romans 10:14-15](#). While some will cross oceans with the Gospel, brainstorm in your group how you can be witnesses "to the ends of the earth" without ever leaving the country. Which of these ideas will you put into action this week?

Day One: [John 17](#); [Psalm 85](#)

Day Two: [Exodus 35](#); [Proverbs 23](#)

Day Three: [Romans 7](#); [2 Samuel 5](#)

Day Four: [Titus 2](#); [Jeremiah 19](#)

Day Five: [Job 23](#); [Acts 1](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.



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"Lord, are you at this time?"

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"Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

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