

LEADER NOTES

- **Set the tone early.**

This is a conversation about mission.

- Not personality.
- Not gifting.
- Not pressure

Help the group see that Jesus speaks to all followers, not a few specialists.

- **Keep the focus on witness.** Verse 8

frames the passage. Being a witness

flows from identity, not obligation.

Guide the group to see the

difference between: Knowing

information about Jesus. Living as

someone shaped by Jesus.

Emphasize presence, obedience, and faithfulness over outcomes.

- **Watch for hesitation language.**

Listen for fear, inadequacy, or delay.

Statements like "I'm not ready" or

"That's not my role" often surface

here. Gently redirect the group to

Jesus' promise of the Spirit's power,

not their ability.

- **Gently guide application.** Move

from concept to practice. Help the

group name where mission already

exists in their daily life.

- **Anchor the discussion in**

movement. Jesus does not answer

timing questions. He gives a mission

and sends them forward. Reinforce

that obedience happens before full understanding.

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY

James 3:1-12

ASK FOR PRAYER REQUESTS* ASK
A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER

*Share & record prayer requests.
Follow up throughout the week.
PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE

TARGET

Topic: Jesus shifts the focus. From restoring a nation. To reaching the world.

Take Away: You are not called to watch. You are called to witness.

God Stories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: *When you are getting ready for a trip what is the first thing you pack and why?*

This Week's Passage: *Acts 1:3-11*

Share background: Jesus has just completed His earthly ministry, culminating in His death, His burial, and His resurrection. Judea remains under strict Roman occupation with the region governed by Pontius Pilate and garrisoned by Roman troops to suppress unrest. The Jewish world is deeply divided—Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, and Zealots — while the early Jesus-followers are processing the shock of the empty tomb and post-resurrection appearances. The disciples still expect Jesus to establish a restored kingdom for Israel. Jesus is preparing His followers for a different kind of kingdom—empowered by the Holy Spirit — and now the story from God's Word.

Tell the story. Rebuild the story.
Read the story from God's Word.

Head Question: *Verse 8 says, "You will be my witnesses." What does it mean to be a witness, and how is that different from just sharing information?*

Heart Question: *How do you see your role in God's mission; are you all in or is there hesitation, why?*

Hands Question: *Where will you intentionally live on mission this week as a witness, relying on the Holy Spirit rather than your own ability?*