

Check-in and Prayer

Check-in with everyone's highs and lows from the previous week.

Topic Introduction

Today's connect group is focusing on our value of "joining Jesus in his purposes" and how we can live out the mission of God together as a group. This is our 4th connect group value: Mission (Matthew 10:7)

Read Text ~10min (Acts 1:1-11)

- **Read Together:** Acts 1:1-11
- **Read Alone:** Underline or mark: questions, contrasts, repetition, commands, topic changes, ooh/ahh moments, other verses come to mind?
- **Personal Paraphrase:** Have a volunteer *paraphrase* the story from what they remember after reading (without looking at the text!). Repetition is the goal, after going through the story 3 times, we are ready to analyze/interpret it.

Content Questions

- What initial reflections or observations do you have regarding this passage?
- What good news do you see in this passage?
- How did the disciples miss the point on God's mission in the passage?
 - What was preventing them from getting it? (They were still living for a different kingdom)
 - What prevents us?
- Why did Jesus tell his disciples to wait? Does that instruction still apply to us today? (See also: Luke 24:49-53)
 - Why are we tempted to wait and deprioritize evangelism?
- What is the hardest part of sharing the good news for you? Why?
- Over the last month, can you identify a conversation where the Holy Spirit provided an opportunity for you to share your faith or enter into a spiritual conversation, but you held back?
 - Why did you wait?
 - What hope do you find in this passage to remember for next time you find yourself in a similar situation?
- What does this passage teach us about the character of God?

Application & Prayer

Apply: Journal or continue discussing the following questions

- Who is 1 person the Holy Spirit has placed in your orbit of influence whom you long for them to know Jesus their Lord and Savior?
- How could God use you in their life to draw them closer to him? What will you do?
- Pray over one another's person in groups of 3 to 4