

## Until He Returns

*Acts 1:1-11*

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**Theme:** Once the apostles received the Holy Spirit, they were called to testify to Christ through the proclamation of the gospel across the world.

In the opening of Acts, Luke presents three foundational realities about the spiritual kingdom of God, to set the stage for the mission of the church:

### **I. The Establishment of the Kingdom (vs. 1-3)**

### **II. The Power of the Kingdom (vs. 4-8)**

### **III. The Hope of the Kingdom (vs. 9-11)**

#### Questions for Meditation

1. What convincing proofs did Jesus give to His apostles after His resurrection? Was it important that Jesus spent 40 days on earth before His ascension?
2. What is the baptism with the Holy Spirit? For church-age believers, when and how frequently does this baptism occur? What can we learn from the lives of the apostles as recorded in the gospels (prior to their baptism with the Spirit) and in Acts (after their baptism with the Spirit), to inform our understanding of this baptism and its power?
3. What commission does Jesus leave the apostles with? Has that mission been wrapped up as of today? Are we included in that mission? If so, what role ought we to play in carrying it out?
4. What reality ought to motivate us to faithfully persevere in carrying out the mission of the church, even when we get discouraged?