



Dig Deeper @Home Acts 1:1-11 – “Ascended One”
Complement to sermon on April 3 – The Risen Savior

MEMORIZE – Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

READ Acts 1:1-11

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. **Read Luke 24:50-52** - What does Jesus do for his disciples before he ascends to heaven?

What do the disciples do after he leaves them?

Why do you think they could have joy even though he was leaving them?

4. **Read John 14:15-27** Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to be their Helper..

What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in verses 16-17 and 25-27?

How is the Holy Spirit a helper to us?

5. **Read John 16:5-16** – How would you paraphrase the three goals of the Holy Spirit’s work (vv. 8-11)?

Therefore, why is it good that Jesus goes away?

If you were a disciple, how would you feel after hearing verse 16?

Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Acts 1:1-11 and John 14 & 16. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

Witness Helping

God sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper, our comforter, our counselor. As you pray, ask God to show you someone you can be a witness of God's love to. Think of a practical way you can be of help to someone who needs your kindness and love. (ex. Write a card. Bake cookies and share them, Visit a neighbor, buy groceries for someone who needs them.) Think about how you can tell them what Jesus has done for you.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Come, gracious Spirit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id9yPwhW9JU>

A 19th century hymn that is really a prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to come in all the fullness of the Spirit. Mennonite Hymnal #215

Holy Spirit you are welcome here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SS5S8Unvm48>

A worship song that invite's the presence of the Holy spirit in our lives and in our homes.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father God, as you promised, you sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter to point us to Jesus and to give power to all who believe in you. We want to trust our lives to you to set us free from our fears and the sins that so easily bind us. Enable us today to keep in step with You and to be Your witness and a sign of your love and grace wherever we go. Amen.