

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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ALL HAIL KING JESUS

DISCUSSION GOAL



To fix our eyes on the certain return of King Jesus, embracing that truth to live expectant, faithful lives or exposing our over emphasized focus on guessing when Jesus will return.

ICE BREAKER



Have you ever made a prediction that didn't come true? What was that like for you and those involved?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Acts 1:6-11

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Jesus will return to complete his Kingdom.

Key Question: How should we live in light of Jesus' return?

1. Stop guessing when. (vv. 6–7)
2. Start witnessing now. (v. 8)
3. Set your hope on his return. (vv. 10–11)

DISCUSSION



- Acts 1:6-11 reveal a brief post-resurrection discussion between Jesus and His disciples. The conversation's focus was on Jesus establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth. When you think about God's "already/not yet" Kingdom, how do you reconcile actively waiting?
- Do you believe Jesus will return again to complete His Kingdom? Why or why not? Why are we prone to try to figure out when Jesus will return?
- Acts 1:8 should be one of the most empowering verses in the entire Bible for believers who are following Jesus. How do you feel empowered to "be His witnesses?" If not, why not?
- What excites you about the return of King Jesus? How could you develop an even greater anticipation?
- Read Revelation 21:1-5, 22-27 and 22:1-5. As we look with expectation toward the truth that Jesus will return to complete His Kingdom, do these verses in Revelation expand your vision of the completed Kingdom? How do these verses correct your vision of the present and shape your hope for the future?

LIFE APPLICATION



In this discussion, we've been challenged to stop guessing when Jesus will return and start witnessing of His Kingdom now, while being invited to set our hope on His return. You've probably heard of "paralysis by analysis" which suggests that we get stuck on thinking about doing something rather than actually doing something. In what way(s) have your thoughts about Jesus' return hindered your focus on being His Holy Spirit empowered witness now?

jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


