

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Additional Sermon Questions, October 30th 2016

The Movement of God's People | 40 Days with Jesus (Acts 1:1-11)

(Leaders: This week's message covered a lot of content and bears application in virtually all areas of life, culture, and politics. Do not feel pressured to answer every question, but please devote time for question 4.)

1. Travis told the story of the golf ball to relate how the disciples must have felt ill-prepared to handle the great task before them as Jesus told them to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Where do you feel ill-prepared in sharing your faith?
2. Which of the characteristics of the kingdom are most difficult for you to embrace? (Enduring *Luke 1:33*, Good *8:1*, Demanding *9:62*, Present *10:9*, Coming *11:2*, Generous *12:32*, Slow *13:18*, Surprising *13:20*, Necessary *23:42*, Expanding *Acts 1:8*, Powered *1:8*)
3. "The Church is the vehicle, the Kingdom is the destination." Where has this reality been a challenge for you? What about Jesus & Paul preaching about the Kingdom of God (and not the Church) is illuminating in your personal faith journey and your corporate understanding of Church?
4. Travis highlighted that after Jesus ascended, they devoted themselves to prayer. Is prayer a priority in "your" kingdom? What areas (or relationships) in your life is it missing? As a group, take the final 10 minutes of your time to pray together as a small group (if you like to split male/female then feel free). Place emphasis on asking for the power of God, His Spirit, to work in all the areas of your lives.

Workplace Application:

5. Wherever you work, what challenges come with acknowledging that your work is not only yours but is part of God's Kingdom? Which of the characteristics of God's Kingdom do you feel impact the way you do your work the most throughout the week?

