

WEEK 4 BIBLE STUDY

Read: Acts 1:1-11

JD Greear, the pastor of the Summit Church in Durham, NC, wrote a book a few years ago entitled "Jesus Continued: Why the Spirit Inside You is Better Than Jesus Beside You."¹ This comes from John 16:7 in which Jesus says to his disciples, "It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper (the Holy Spirit) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you." In his gospel, Luke wrote of all Jesus did on Earth. In Acts, Luke writes of Jesus's work through the person of the Holy Spirit indwelling his people and empowering them to continue His mission. The work of Jesus did not end when He ascended into heaven. Christ died for us so that we might live for Him, and be His witnesses in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. He will one day return in all His glory. But, in the meantime, we have a lot of work to do on mission with our King.

¹J.D. Greear. *Jesus, Continued: Why The Spirit Inside You Is Better Than Jesus Beside You*, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.

SOS:

Answer the following questions

What do these verses SAY? _____

What do I need to OBEY? _____

What can I SHARE? _____

Next Steps: Pray

As a follower of Christ, the question is not, "Will I be his witness?" The question is simply, "Where and How?" Your challenge for this week is to spend time praying through the following questions and to memorize Acts 1:8.

- Am I open and sensitive to God's leading to go where He calls?
- Are there places that if God were to ask me to go I would be very hesitant or unwilling? Why?
- Where and how am I currently living on mission, and where and how might God be leading me to live on mission in the future?

Pray for your ONE!