

WHAT NEXT?

As preached on Sunday, April 7th

Read: Acts 1:1-11

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word “mission”? Excitement? Dread? Something inbetween? Why do you think you feel as you do about mission?
2. In v.1 Luke makes it clear that even at the end of his earthly ministry Jesus had just begun. How will his ministry continue now that he’s returned to his Father?
3. In vv.4-5 Jesus tells his disciples to return to Jerusalem and wait. How do you think they felt when they heard this command? How do you deal with waiting?
4. What does Jesus want his disciples to wait for? What is the “gift” he’s referring to and how is it related to their task as witnesses?
5. How do vv.9-11 highlight the tension between kingdoms, too earthly or too heavenly? How can we be sure to keep a balance?
6. Jesus’ disciples were fixated on when he would “restore the Kingdom of Israel”. In what ways is this similar to the passion some have expressed around Christian Nationalism?
7. How can we be sure to stay focused on Jesus’ “bigger mission” to reach and bless the world?