

In Transit—Disciples
Study Questions
Acts 1:6-11

Warm-up

1) Describe a time that someone had expectations of you that were not what you signed up for.

2) Was there a time that you had expectations about someone else, but you later found at your expectations were more than *they* signed up for?

A little deeper

3) [Acts 1:6] When Jesus returned after the resurrection, He gave them instructions to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They were excited and asked if Jesus was going to restore Israel to greatness. Read also Luke 22:49-53. What do you think the disciples expected would happen? What do you think the Jewish authorities expected would happen? Do you think some modern Christians have similar expectations? Why or why not?

4) [Acts 1:7-8] Jesus redirected the disciples' thinking from what He was going to do, to what they were supposed to do. What did Jesus tell them their new role was? How much of it do you think they understood right then?

5) [Acts 9-11] How do you think the disciples felt about what Jesus told them initially? How have you seen others respond to Jesus' call on their lives?

Bringing it home

6) In the sermon this week, a few passages were shared that illustrate times Jesus shattered people's expectations: Luke 10:25-37, Luke 18:9-14, and Mark 4:35-40. What are some expectations you've had about God that have been altered or even shattered? Where did those expectations come from? What made you re-examine those expectations?

7) Are there any expectations you have about God that you're not sure where they came from? Look for support for those expectations in scripture. Are they well-founded, or are they something you should consider changing?

8) God's plan of redemption has been worked out in the lives of billions of everyday people over the course of thousands of years, and it continues today. How have you seen God using you in His plan of salvation, within your sphere of influence in the world (both now and through the legacy you will leave behind)?