



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 27, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Acts 1:4-8

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 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."

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In our sermon from the book of Acts, Dr. Luke is recounting Jesus' final words to His disciples just prior to His ascension into heaven. The disciples were confused about the true nature of the kingdom of God. Jesus reassures them (and us) that it is God Himself who will give them the power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Discussion Questions

1. When the disciples asked, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?", what do you think was primary in their minds?

Do you think they understood what their real mission on earth was going to be? How do Christians today sometimes make the same mistake of trying “*to do the Lord’s work in the world’s way?*”

2. Look up the following verses and describe the role of the Holy Spirit:
 - a. John 14:16-18
 - b. John 14:26
 - c. John 15:26-27
 - d. John 16:13-14

How do these verses encourage you?

3. What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus Christ? Based on verses such as Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20, and 2 Corinthians 5:18, who does God call to be His witnesses?
4. Why do you think you need the Holy Spirit's power in order to be a witness for Christ?