

RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Housekeeping

Leaders can share Hope happenings and any future Home Group plans.

Conversation Starter

Share about a time when you were asked to do something “way over your head.”

Read the Text

Read Luke 1:1-11 together.

Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Discussion

1/ How is the ascension different from the resurrection? Read Daniel 7:13-14 for the promise that is fulfilled in the ascension. Why is this significant do you think?

2/ What is the significance of v. 1 when Luke says his gospel “dealt with all that Jesus *began* to do and teach...” implying that the book of Acts is what Jesus continued to do. What does this imply about the work of the church?

3/ Why do you think Jesus entrusts his mission to broken people?

4/ What does it mean to be a witness (v. 8)?

5/ What does it mean to be empowered by the Holy Spirit (v. 8)? Why is this essential for the mission of the church?

6/ What is the significance of the angels rebuke: “why do you stand looking into heaven?” How can we “look into heaven” in our lives, when we should be “looking forward” in mission?

7/ How could the truth about the ascension of Jesus help you to have a more tenacious faith these days?

Time of Prayer