

*AfterWords*  
***Safe or Deployed***  
**Acts 1:1-11**  
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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to equip you to do the next right thing. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation and action around your group.

### **KEY POINT**

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He promised them the Holy Spirit would be poured out and His followers would be witnesses locally, nationally, and even to the ends of the earth. But then they just stood there. As a disciple of Jesus, will you stay where you are safe and comfortable, or will you live a deployed missionary lifestyle?

### **LAUNCH IT**

- Have you ever gone on a mission trip? If so, where and what did you do? If not, what have been some of the barriers to you going?

### **EXPLORE IT**

- Read **Acts 1:1-11**
  - Read the passage out loud. Pick a couple of different translations.
  - We are reading the Bible to learn to hear the voice of God.
- What jumped out at you about the passage? Words, names, people, location, verbs?
  - Why would Jesus tell us to be witnesses?
  - What is the primary duty of a witness?
- Read **Acts 1:1-11** in one or two different translations. Have someone re-tell this story in their own words.
  - What do these verses say about God?
  - What do these verses say about people?
  - What do these verses say about obedience?

### **APPLY IT**

- Re-read **Acts 1:1-11** one more time.
- Have someone else re-tell this passage in their own words.
- In light of what we now know about this passage, what is God calling you to **do** this week?
  - Make it specific and be ready to share what you did next time.
- Who is the Holy Spirit prompting me to share these verses with?
  - Make it specific and be ready to share what you did next time.

### **PRACTICE IT**

- Now what?
  - Spend some time alone with God asking Him how you are to be a deployed missionary.
  - What does it mean for you to be a witness for Jesus in our community?
  - What does it mean for you to be a witness for Jesus beyond our community?