



Empowered for Mission

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Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever been a member of a team which was put together to accomplish a specific goal? What was this experience like?
- Read Acts 1:1 – 11. What stands out to you from the text? What questions do you have?
- Read Matthew 6:31-33 and Acts 1:4–8. Discuss any/all of the following:
 - What is the mission of every Christ-follower, and how are we empowered to live it out?
 - What is the Kingdom of God, and how does it fit into the storyline of the Bible?
 - How do the various aspects of following Jesus (ex. prayer, seeking justice, living ethically, etc.) each have the ultimate purpose of advancing God's kingdom?
 - Do you ever focus so much on these specific aspects of following Jesus that you end up missing the underlying mission?
- Do you understand God's mission, and have you made the decision to accept His mission? How can daily tasks in your life take on new meaning when you see them as part of God's mission?
- How do you feel about being part of a team working together for this mission? Do you know how your skills and gifts fit within the larger team?
- Thinking about how you spend your time, resources and mental energy, what other missions do you seem to be on, and where does God's mission rank among the demands of your life? What does it look like for you to prioritize God's kingdom in your daily life?

Dig Deeper

- Luke and Acts were written to be read as two parts of one story. Take time to read Luke on your own this week to prepare for our series in Acts. Underline the phrase "the Kingdom of God" – you should find it 32 times. What stands out to you from Jesus's teachings about the Kingdom of God in the book of Luke?

- Check out the book overview videos from the Bible Project for both [Luke](#) and [Acts 1-12](#).

Pray

- Ask God for wisdom in keeping your eyes fixed on Him and the mission that He has given you. Pray for discernment and focus as you seek His kingdom and work to make that a priority in your life.

Next Steps

- To help keep your focus on the kingdom of God, work on memorizing Matthew 6:31-33 this week.
- Grab an Acts journal at your site (or download a digital version in either [English](#) or [Chinese](#)) and use it as a tool to reflect more deeply on portions of Acts each week .