

Wednesday Night Discussion Guide

Week: for February 3rd, 2021

Scripture: Acts 1:6-11

Bottom Line: The Kingdom of God is coming to us, in us, and through us.

A personal note from Jackson: Given the thematic similarity to last week, and the fact that this talk points in a few pretty different directions, this is a great week for you to feel the freedom to bring your group's discussion where you sense your students need to go, whether that's about reading the Bible as a whole narrative, God's work that we don't see, being a witness, whatever. Just be sure, as always, to land on the truth that **God is for them**, and you can't go wrong!

Start the video, and pause at :43 to read the Scripture.

- Spend a couple minutes thinking of as many connections to the Old Testament as you can. Anything goes!

Go back to the video, watch until 4:26.

1. Are there parts of the Bible that you feel like you've never read? Are there parts of the story of Scripture that you feel you're missing?
 - a. Good opportunity to address the "David-to-Jesus" gap in the history of Israel that probably all of us, myself included, have in the depth of our knowledge of the Scriptural narrative.

Watch the video through 8:05 (pause after the line "The Kingdom is coming, even when we don't see it coming.")

2. The disciples thought that God's faithfulness to them meant that they, as Israelites, would be powerful. What are some ways that we expect God to make us powerful?
3. Have you ever had an experience where it felt like God was totally absent? What is that like?

Watch through 9:55 (pause after "the Kingdom is coming, not just around us, but in us").

4. *I'm gonna let y'all decide how to discuss this with your students. Feel free to share ideas by commenting!*

Watch through 12:36.

5. The Kingdom of God goes out to its people, instead of waiting for them to come to him. What does that say about God?

Watch through the end.

6. What does being a witness look like for you? Does it look like anything?
7. What's the hardest thing about being a witness for you?