

Lesson 1: A Church That Shines

Acts 1:1-11

Key Verse:

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

God's Dream for His church

Four Characteristics of a Church That Shines

- Jesus' resurrection
- Jesus' authority
- Jesus' message
- Jesus' hope

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be a church that shines?
2. Why is the resurrection so pivotal to Christians and the church? How does the resurrection make a difference in your life today?
3. Sometimes the surrendered life calls for us to wait and other times it calls for us to move. Which is easier/harder? Why?
4. How do Jesus' words in Luke 8:39 sum up the message He gives us to share with the world?
5. Describe three concrete ways that living in anticipation of Christ's return will impact the way that you walk through your week.