

THE DAILY FLIP DEVOTIONAL

Learning to live life upside down,
one day at a time

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 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."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Study Questions

Monday:

What stood out to you this week in Pastor Kevin's message?

Tuesday:

What is the promise of the father? Also read *Isaiah 32:15; 44:3; Ezekiel 36:25-28; 37:14; 39:29; Joel 2:28-31*

Wednesday:

What is the disciples' question in v. 6? What do the disciples assume, take for granted, in their question? Why? *Joel 3:1-21*

Thursday:

What did it mean for the disciples to be "witnesses?" To what were they supposed to witness?

What prevents us from being effective witnesses? Do we, like the disciples, have concerns or perspectives or priorities that restrict us or distract us from effectively fulfilling our roles as witnesses?

Friday:

Do you ever feel like Jesus is really far away or that life is just way too hard? How does the fact that Jesus will return affect you during those times?

TODAY @ THE FLIPSIDE

Milestones

The First Steps of the Church

Speaker: Pastor Kevin Reynolds

Notes: