

## Family Discipleship Resource

Feb 16-22

(Acts 1:9-11)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

*Father,*

*Thank you for Jesus and all He has done for me. Help me to be obedient to the mission that Jesus has called me to.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Acts 1:9-11)

*<sup>9</sup>And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."*

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***How did the disciples react to Jesus' ascension? Why?***

***What message was shared by the angels? Why?***

### **W** – Work on Application

Ultimately, after Jesus launches himself into heaven, the message for those he leaves behind is clear—Quit staring and get moving. While it would have been easy for the disciples to set up shop on the tarmac, reminisce about the ministry they had enjoyed over the last three years, or simply to stay put until Jesus returned, the disciples had been given a mandate to be witnesses and had been called to God's mission. The question that is raised by the angels in Acts 1—"Why do you stand looking into the sky?"—echoes today—"Why do Jesus' disciples stand idly by?" "Why are believers stuck in place?" "When are God's people going to get moving?" Having been given the rest of the story found in Scripture and the benefit of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, we are without excuse. It is time that the launch seen in Jesus' ascension once again inspire our church in such a way that we would be launched from this place into the world around us as witnesses of who Jesus is and what he has done.

***How might we encourage each other to recapture the wonder of Jesus and his mission?***

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Family Weekly Memory Verse: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."-Acts 1:11