

## MEETING STARTER

# A DAUNTING TASK MADE DOABLE BY GOD

### Acts 1:6-11

<sup>6</sup> So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “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.”

Share a time you were given a daunting assignment.

What may have seemed daunting about the assignment Jesus gave his disciples?

What promise did Jesus make that would have encouraged the disciples?

Why did Jesus’ description of what would happen make strategic sense?

In what ways are Christian congregations sometimes standing “looking into the sky?”



Think of how Jesus kept his promise and how the gospel spread in the decades after his ascension. Let this be an encouragement for you and your congregation as you evangelize your community. In light of this encouragement what more could this team do to spread the gospel?

Share your most recent evangelism experience.