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Study Questions
The Unstoppable Church
The Purpose of the Church
Acts 1:1-11
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Opening Discussion

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “church”?
2. What defines an *effective* church and what defines a *dying* church?
3. What is the biblical purpose of the church?

Do most churches really understand their purpose? Why or why not?

Bible Study

1. Read Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-11. What is the significance to the church today of the statement, “...all that Jesus *began* to do and teach,” in Acts 1:1?
2. According to 1:1-5 and Luke 24:13-53, what did Jesus do with His leadership team before He ascended?
3. What is the purpose of The Church according to Acts 1:7, 8?
What did Jesus mean by “My witnesses?”
What does it mean in practical terms to live for this purpose?
4. What did Jesus believe was necessary for His Church to fulfill her purpose according to Acts 1:1-8?
What are the essential ingredients in order for The Church to be faithful?
5. Why was it important that Jesus ascend to the Father according to Acts 1:9-11; John 14:16-18, 26; 16:7-15 and Ephesians 1:15-23?

6. Write a one sentence summary of the mission of The Church and how The Church is to accomplish that mission according to Acts 1:1-11.

Application

1. What do you personally need to be doing to fulfill your calling as a member of The Church?
2. Choose one specific area you need to address in your life to be a better “witness” of Jesus. How can you grow in this area?
3. What do you consider to be the greatest potential barrier to Lincoln Berean Church doing her part to accomplish our purpose?

How do we prevent this from happening?