**Living the Sent Life**

**The Word**

Read together Acts 1:1-11

**Questions for Discussion**

1. Looking back on our journey through Acts, what passage, idea, or moment is sticking with you that will be your key “take away” moving forward?

2. As you consider the video testimonies this Sunday, what specifically was most helpful or impactful for you?

3. As you reflect on the call to live as sent people/witnesses, where are you currently experiencing that call? If it’s helpful, consider the categories of where you live, work, or play.

**Sermon Outline**

I. The Ascension of Jesus

A. This was his homecoming to the father

B. The was his coronation day

II. Settled or sent?

A. After three years of unsettledness, the disciples were understandably hopeful that Jesus was going to restore the earthly kingdom to Israel where they would settle into lives of peace and privilege. (v. 6)

B. But Jesus was sending them into a whole new phase of ministry that would demand even more courage, trust, and unsettledness

III. The continuing acts of Jesus

A. Luke described what Jesus “began” to do and say (v. 1), and Acts describes his continuing ministry

B. In Acts we see many lost people for whom Jesus has compassion and care

- a lame man, widows, a eunuch, a centurion, a Pharisee, a high-end retailer

C. In Acts we see the people Jesus sends in order to reach those lost people

- Peter, John, Stephen, Philip, Barnabus, Paul,

D. Today we continue this story

IV. It’s helpful to remember the ascension of Jesus as we’re sent

A. He lives as our high priest who intercedes for us (Hb 7:25, Rm 8:33-34)

1. There’s a voice in the father’s ear reminding him that we are forgiven based on his blood

2. So we are sent out with an identity: the beloved sons and daughters of the king. We live from that place of love and freedom.

B. He has authority over all things (Mt 28:18)

1. He is actively in charge of universe: at work in all things for his glory and our good

2. So we are sent into situations in which he already has authority. We witness with a confidence that he is in charge of each situation.

V. Where is God sending you

A. Consider where you live

B. Consider where you work

C. Consider where you play