



## Session 3

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### Big Idea:

God's mission is for the world.

### GROUP OPENER

Read [Luke 24:36-53](#) twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible.

Now imagine you are the followers of Jesus, and he just helped you understand the scriptures and is taken into heaven. What do you do from there?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read [Acts 1:1-11](#) Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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### ACTION STEPS

*I will statement . . .*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

### As a Group

How does the opening to Acts clear up the mission Jesus is giving to his disciples?

Where is it still unclear?

As you continue to read through the book of Acts and the letters of the New Testament you see people trying to work out what it means to follow Jesus. The Jesus followers go out and spread his message and invite others into this movement.

As you read you will notice four things.

1. They don't always get it right.
2. There does not seem to be one set way of doing it.
3. It always centers around the resurrection of Jesus.
4. God blesses his church and their efforts even when it is difficult or imperfect.

Becoming involved in global missions helps to change our perspective to shift the focus to what God is doing in other places.

Ask if anyone in your group has been on a mission trip either nationally or internationally. If they are comfortable find out what stood out or what they learned on that trip.

As a group pray for our partners who are sharing the message of Jesus both nationally and internationally.

### On your Own

How can you be more engaged in what God is doing globally?