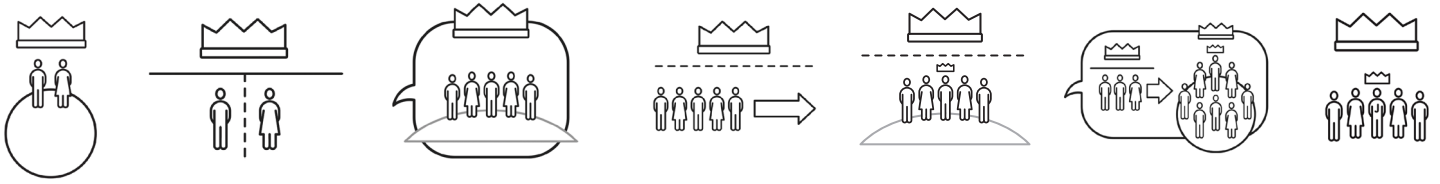


PROMISES KEPT BIBLE OVERVIEW, WEEK EIGHT (ACTS – REVELATION 19)

THE STORY SO FAR...



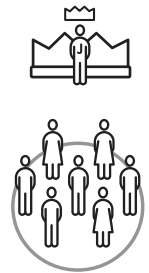
OPENING QUESTION

Being in heaven is better than being in this present world. All Christ's followers will have life in heaven. So why do you think God doesn't take Christians to heaven now?!

VIDEO TALK

RECAP

King Jesus is in heaven, with his Father. His people, indwelt and empowered by his Spirit, spread the gospel around the world.



APPLY TIME...

1. How have you seen the three responses to the Christians in Acts 2 in your Christian life?
2. How does this encourage us to get on with living for and talking about Jesus?

GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE AGE OF THE SPIRIT

Read Acts 2 v 42-47

1. This is the first Christian church. What do we see here about what church is, and what church does?

2. What is challenging about the word “devoted” in v 42?

APPLY TIME...

1. What have we seen about the priorities Christians should have between Jesus’ ascension and his return?

2. What can make it hard to have these priorities?

3. How do Acts 1 and 2 help us and encourage us in our task?

QUESTIONS FOR OUR HEARTS AND LIVES

What counts as a “good day” for you? A day where you have devoted yourself to your church family in some way? A day where you have told someone else about Jesus the Messiah, his life, death and resurrection—even if they’ve laughed at you? Or something else?

It must have been wonderful to have been part of the Acts 2 church! All too often, our churches fall far short of that one. But let’s not make the mistake of thinking our churches...

- could never be like that, or
- would be like that if only others would be more committed.

Our churches will change and grow as we become more devoted to them. So what practical things could **you** start doing, or do more of, out of devotion to your Christian community?

PRAY

Thank God for giving you a place in his mission to have the whole world hear the message about Jesus the Messiah, and for the power of his Spirit to enable you to do your part. Thank God for giving you a church community to be devoted to.

Share the names of some people you would like to tell about Jesus. Why not commit to praying for each other for the next year? Ask God to give each of you opportunities to talk about his Son, and the courage to take them.