

Bible Study: St. John's – West Bend

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Discipleship Stories / Opening Prayer

Read Luke 24:44-53

- Who is Luke? Why did he write the Gospel (see [Luke 1:1-4](#))?
- What is Jesus saying His mission is in verses [46-47](#)? Is He saying that this His continuing mission? How is that done?
- What does [Luke 24:52](#) say about the disciple's attitude?
- If you think about Luke 1 and 2 (Christmas), how does God guide Luke to find a fitting way to end his Gospel account of Jesus?
 - The Holy Spirit _____ Jesus' human nature in Mary's _____.
 - The Holy Spirit _____ on Jesus at His baptism.
 - The Holy Spirit worked with Jesus in His _____.

The Duality of Christ's Absence and Presence

(Read [Matt. 28:19-20](#) & [John 16:4b-14](#))

- Jesus promised that the _____ would come if He _____.
- Jesus sends us on His Great Commission, baptizing and teaching. Teaching what? See again [Luke 24:46-47](#).
- How might this change your attitude to Godly joy... in both the celebrations and traumas of life?

Read Acts 1:1-11

- Who wrote the Book of Acts? "Acts" of who?
- Think of [Acts 1:1-11](#) as a movie or TV show "flashback", where the director shows us again what happened... but this time with additional details – including the timing of events.
- How long a period takes place between [Luke 24:49](#) and [Luke 24:50](#)? See [Acts 1:3](#).

- How are the "Acts" of the Holy Spirit still going on today?
- What's the tension between engaging life, yet waiting for Jesus?
- How will Jesus return (see [1 Thess. 4:16-18](#))? Who spoke about the Lord's return at Ascension... and who will announce His return when Jesus comes back? Where will Jesus come from?
- What does Paul tell us to do in [verse 18](#)? Are you doing it?

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

- What is God REALLY telling us in verses 22 and 23?
- What does "fullness of Him" really mean?

Presence or Absence... What Do You See?



- What is this... what might be significant about this picture?
- Do you see anything that you can't see almost anywhere else on earth on any given day?
- What did the disciples see after Christ ascended into heaven? Did they see anything that they couldn't see almost anywhere else on earth on any day? Was their view of everyday life that much different than yours right now?

List some other things that were the same for Christ's disciples there on the Mount of Olives... that are the same for you right now? I'll give you a hint on a beautiful one, look at [Luke 24:50](#)...

Closing Prayer