

# THE BIG PICTURE

Week 8

BRBC Groups

April 11, 2021

**Scripture** | Acts 1:1-14, Acts 2:1-41

**Ice Breaker** |

1. If you could ask Jesus only one question, what do you think you would ask him?
2. What comes to mind when the Holy Spirit is mentioned?
1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message? Do you have any questions about it?
2. Read Acts 1:1-11
3. From what you read, how do you think the apostles felt? What do you think they were thinking as all this was happening?
4. Why does Jesus tell them to wait in Jerusalem?
5. Usually, when someone tells us to wait, we are eager or impatient to do something. What might the disciples have been eager to do?
6. Think of a time you were eager to get started to do something and had to wait. What was the value in waiting?
7. Picture yourself at the ascension with the apostles (v9-11). How would you react to the experience? What would you think, feel, say or do?
8. Read Acts 2:1-13
9. This is the moment that Jesus told His followers to wait for. What happens in this moment? Why do you think it was important for them to wait for this moment?
10. What does the Holy Spirit enable the apostles to do? Why do you think that is important?
11. The Holy Spirit enables the Apostles to speak all the languages of the people present at that moment. The apostles used that opportunity to proclaim who Jesus is, why he died, what it means for him to have risen, and then invite the audience to respond to this (see Peters speech in verses 14-40). What principles might this event show us about how we should today speak in church or to people who do not believe what we believe?
12. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Apostles and us?
13. What has the Spirit done in your midst that has grabbed the attention of others? If nothing, why is that so?
14. How does the Holy Spirit fit into the big picture? What does the Holy Spirit represent in references to the idea of God's covenant relationship with us?