You are my witnesses

Acts 1:1-11

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service Sunday 5th October 2025

Why are we here as a church?

Why are we here as individuals?

1. What is the mission? (v6-8)

Acts 28v31

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?

It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Outline of Acts:

- Chapters 1-7 Jerusalem and Judea
- Chapters 8-12 Judea and Samaria
- Chapters 13-28 the ends of the earth

2. How can we be confident about God's mission?

The plan of the Father (v4, 7)

Isaiah 49v6

- It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
- I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

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- The reign of Jesus (v9-11)

Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.

