Potential Discussion Questions

Message: Church on the Move - Bouncing Back When You Feel Beat, pt 1 (1-20-19)

- 1. When was a recent time (or the last time you can remember) when you felt beat? How did you bounce back?
- 2. Why does it matter if God chooses us rather than we choose Him? Apart from the work of God, could anyone actually choose God? (see Jn 6:44; Rom 3:10-18). How is it affirming to you for God to say "I chose you"?
- 3. In these opening verses, Luke builds a bridge from Jesus resurrection to His ascension and all that follows in the birth of the church. Why do you think he includes the details he chooses in Acts 1:1-3? Why are these still important for us 2,000 years later?
- 4. How do God's teachings, promises, plans and purposes prepare you for new seasons of life? Can you think of some specific ways this has happened for you?
- 5. God tells us Jesus will return, but not the date or time. Why is this significant? Why are we prone to grasp for more information than God revealed? Rather than the time, what did God reveal? Why is that significant?
- 6. The traditional "Great Commission" is found in Mt. 28:18-20. Read it and compare it with Acts 1:8. How are they similar? Dissimilar? How do you think this instruction would have impacted you if you were present when it was given? Is it, or should it be, any different now?
- 7. Reflect on the 5 characteristics presented regarding the Great Commission. Do you agree/disagree? Which is most impacting or brings new insight for you? Talk about your current practice of living out the Great Commission.
- 8. How would you answer the questions posed on the "take it home" section of the outline? What is one specific challenge or encouragement you derive from these?
- 9. What would you like to discuss that hasn't already been engaged in this study?
- 10. What does this passage encourage you to pray? Do it together.