



Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

Message Info: Rise Up: When You Don't Know, 5/14/23 - There are some uncomfortable places to not have the answers; like helping your kids with homework, or giving your opinion after totally spacing out. Then there are some unbearable spaces to not know. It can feel impossible to move forward when hung up on one of life's big questions. That's where trusting God comes into play, and it makes all the difference. (*Passages: Acts 1:3-11*)

Discussion Questions: Take your time and dig into these questions.

Reflect on minor circumstances when you didn't know something. Why didn't you have the answer? Were they out of your control? What happened? When have bigger questions held you back? How did you move forward?

Read Acts 1:3-11. What stands out to you in this passage? Why?

They were distracted by their own expectations. They knew they could rely on Jesus, but not knowing the details made it really hard to simply trust and move forward. They wanted more of the picture. Have you ever asked God for something and felt like there was no answer? Or the wrong answer? What did you do?

Sometimes we try to plot out our own plans when we lack information; we try to control everything ourselves. Other times, we suspect worst-case scenarios. If we think God isn't answering, anxiety can take over. Or, we can choose to rise up in the unknown. We can trust and continue on. Can we place hope in something we don't trust? What can we do to convince ourselves something or someone is trustworthy?

To walk through the unanswered questions, we need to learn a new way to trust God. That's how we traverse that unknown space and come out better on the other side. To learn to experience beauty in the midst of unanswered questions. That means knowing His promises, His character, *and* His heart. Promises without character are empty. But character can be misinterpreted. We've got to know his heart too. It is for you! His promises, character, and heart: each is a crucial element to learning to trust Him. Which do you need to explore more deeply?

Group Challenge: Invite a friend to church next week!