

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for October 3, 2021:  
*Chapter 28: New Beginnings*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. Describe a time when you had something brand new and found it difficult to share with others.

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”*

*7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 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.”*

*9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “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.”*

### **Acts 1:6-11**

1. Jesus was clear that our source of power to share his life-saving message is the Holy Spirit. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit filling you, moving you, and giving you strength to share the message and love of Jesus?
2. Jesus told his followers their ministry would occur in four distinct locations. How do you see God using you, your church, and the church at large to share the life-saving message of Jesus in each of the following areas? (Jerusalem/hometown, Judea/region, Samaria/tough places, ends of the earth/around the nation and world)
3. Along with sharing the message and love of Jesus, we are also called to share our resources/material goods, our meals/fellowship, and our lives/stories. How is each valuable and what can we do to share these more intentionally?
4. What sort of conflict and spiritual battle did the early Christians face as they tried to share Jesus’ message? How did they respond to persecution and resistance and how can this

inspire us as we encounter people who push back against the message of God's love?

5. Peter and later apostle Paul were clear that Jesus Christ was the Messiah, the only hope for salvation. How did people respond to that bold claim in the religiously diverse ancient world and how do they respond today? How do we continue sharing with boldness, even when others disagree with us?
6. Three thousand people came to faith in Jesus at Pentecost and their ranks swelled in succeeding days. How can RR celebrate and encourage those whose lives are being changed by Jesus?

- **SERVE** *others*

*Jesus calls his followers to be his witnesses. How can you share your faith story this week with your actions and with your words?*

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**