

May 8, 2016
Ascension Sunday
“Don’t Just Stand There!”
(Acts 1:1-11)

It’s easy to make _____ of the disciples. They seemed utterly _____ at times, and yet we would’ve done no better.

Their leader and friend had been raised from the dead; now he was _____ to be with the Father.

Christ’s ascension was but one more step in a pilgrimage of _____ from their original call in Galilee.

Some of the things they were clueless about:

1.- They were clueless about the _____ they could have on the world.

After all they were _____ and tax collectors from a rural area of land occupied by the mighty _____ army.

They were just like us. Truth is we can do much more than we _____ -- just by being kind, decent caring people.

Herbie, the salesman, never would have imagined how many people he _____.

The disciples had no earthly idea that their lives would ever _____ for anything!

2.- They were clueless about Christ’s _____ for the world.

Christ was leaving them, but that was so that the _____ would empower them to be _____ than they could possibly be on their own.

There were 48 known Elvis impersonators at the time of his death. Today there are an estimated _____ known Elvis impersonators!

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As long as Elvis was alive, there was no need for _____.

At the ascension, Christ’s body was carried away by a _____ into heaven.

The Bible says that we are the _____ of Christ in the world today.

We are to incarnate his _____ so that people in our community will know that he is still _____!

As to our ways of sharing the Good News of Christ – any method besides authentic _____ will be misunderstood.

3.- They were clueless about what the Holy Spirit could do _____ them.

The Holy Spirit working through them could _____ millions of people over 21 centuries!

In the past people have mistaken all kinds of _____ activity for the movement of the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is simply God’s Spirit, Christ’s Spirit, coming into our lives; and _____ our lives!

When the Holy Spirit enters our life we cannot help but be _____!

Whatever is in your heart is the _____ system for your life.

If you have opened your heart to Christ’s Holy Spirit, and allowed that Spirit to fill you with Christ’s love, and God’s _____, you will have an impact on everyone you meet!

The Holy Spirit can change the world through you!

Won’t you open your heart to that Spirit today?