

## **The Upper Room**

Main Scripture: Acts 1:1-8

Additional Scripture: Acts 1:13-14, Acts 2:2, James 1:2-4, Romans 8:25-26, Isaiah 49:23, 64:4, 40:31

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- Pastor Mike talked about the “upper rooms” in our lives. What are some upper rooms you are currently in? What do you feel God is teaching you in this time?
- Pastor Mike said “convenience is not one of heavens core values.” What does this mean in the context of an upper room experience? Why do you think God does not always work in convenient ways?
- **Read Isaiah 40:31.** How does hoping in the Lord renew your strength? What part does hope play in the upper room?
- “Waiting does what nothing else will do in your soul.” What is it that waiting does that neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit can do? Do you think there is any other way to get this end result or can it come only through waiting?
- “You know you are not waiting when you spend more time talking to others than talking to God.” How hard is it for you to go straight to Father and not go straight to your friends? Why do you think this is such a struggle for us? What do you think the outcome would be if we *always* went straight to the Father?
- “The upper room is a place of trust.” How can the upper room be a place of trust when it can be so difficult sometimes and stretch us so much? How do our upper room experiences build our trust in the Lord?
  - Give a testimony of how an upper room experience built your trust up in the Lord.

### **Doing: Application**

- This week, make a concerted effort to bring everything to God *first* and not give Him the sloppy seconds after you confided in five of your friends before God. Come back next week and talk about the difference it made bringing things to Father first before anyone else.
- **Read Acts 2:2.** Give some encouraging testimonies of how the Lord has broken through some of your previous upper room experiences. Share your “suddenly” experiences.
  - Spend some time in prayer for the upper rooms in your small group members’ lives. Allow this to be a time of encouragement, love, and listening among your small group members.