

# unfolding church

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STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

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## **Read Acts 1:7-11**

Have you ever had a time when you felt like Jesus had left you? What was the sensation? What were the circumstances?

Jesus told the disciples it was for their good that he was leaving (John 16:7). In what ways might it benefit us when we cannot see or feel Jesus' presence in our lives?

Read Psalm 22 and reflect on Jesus' experience of feeling left by his Father. How does it change our experience to be aware of his?

Flipping through the books of the New Testament, see if you can find 5-10 passages referring to the return of Christ. Why do you think it has slipped out of our consciousness as Christians? What difference might it make to give it more attention?

The sermon talked about how when we can't see Jesus, we can show him. What is one practical way you might be able to "bear witness" to the reality of Christ this week? Ask God for awareness of the opportunities in your path.