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Keep Focused.

What is one of the main focuses of the followers of Jesus? The book of Acts 1:4-8 records Jesus conversation with his disciples. Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem until they received the gift of the Father--the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (v. 4-5). The disciples asked the Lord, if at the time of giving of the gift, would Jesus restore the kingdom of Israel (v. 6)?

He gave them two answers. The first was that it was none of their business, but only the Father's business (v. 7). The second was that when the Holy Spirit empowered them, they would tell others that Jesus died for their sins and he rose from the dead so they could receive him into their hearts as their Lord (v. 8).

I think we all need to be reminded that the Kingdom of God is not going to come through the American governing institution. The main focus of Christians is not to overthrow a physical government in hope that the nation will become a Christ honoring nation. The main focus of followers of Jesus is to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit so they can tell others how to experience a living relationship with Jesus.

Let's do good in this world, by helping others. Let's do good in the world by standing up for those who are unjustly treated. But let's never forget our main focus—to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to testify to the saving work of Jesus.

I love you guys.
I'm praying for you.
Keep wearing a mask and hand washing.

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Acts 1:4-8 (NLT2)

⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

⁷ He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."