

**NOW WHAT?**  
**When We Find Ourselves In Transition**  
*Acts 1: 6-14*

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Change is a part of life and yet, it is one of the most feared things that people encounter.
- B. At various stages of our lives we make or experience changes (transitions).
- C. We need to learn how to function and ultimately be successful in the season of transition. In our case, and the case of our graduates tonight, it's about being successful spiritually, even amid transition.

**NOW WHAT: JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN (Acts 1:6-10).**

- A. The disciples were catching the very last glimpse of Jesus in the flesh on Earth.
- B. The three years leading up to this event had been preparing them for this transition of life.
- C. No matter where we find ourselves, we must always continue to live with a spiritual purpose. But how?

**REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK (Acts 1:11).**

- A. It doesn't matter where we are or what we are doing, Jesus will come back (Jn. 14:1-3).
- B. Many times we find ourselves living without giving thought to His glorious return (I Thess. 5:1-3).
- C. When we are mindful of the return of Jesus, we will live our lives focusing on the important (Matt. 6:33).

**ENGAGE WITH A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS (Acts 1:12-15).**

- A. During the days between the Lord's ascension and Pentecost, Jesus' followers gathered together in Jerusalem.
- B. We need one another to help encourage us in our faith (Heb. 10:24-25).
- C. We can do more as a community of believers, than we can ever do alone (Acts 2:42-47).

**PROCLAIM JESUS TO OTHERS (Acts 1:8).**

- A. There are a lot of things we can do to actively change the world for good.
- B. The last thing Jesus said to His followers was go and be "My witnesses" (Acts 4:19-20).
- C. We may see the need to spread the Gospel, but to we feel the need to do something about it (2 Tim. 2:2)?

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. The disciples found themselves in the middle of a transition that could have caused them to want to quit.
- B. As Christians, our lives are to be lived for God and His purposes no matter where we find ourselves.
- C. Graduates, make the most of the opportunities God places before you, and make this new transition one that helps bring God glory.