



LESSON 1

ACTS 1

1. What do you look forward to in our study in the book of **Acts** given what you already know about the book or what you took away from the Overview of **Acts** last week?

2. Prayerfully read **Acts 1**, asking the **Lord** for new insights. Make note of the words or phrases in the conversations and events that capture your attention.

3. Read **Acts 1:1-5**:
 - a) What is the main event the apostles are to expect? See **John 15:26** for background.

 - b) What is the difference between John's baptism and baptism of the **Holy Spirit**?
Reference **Matthew 3:11**.

4. *Challenge*: Why do you think the disciples are called apostles in **Acts 1:2**? Check a dictionary and refer back to **John 20:21-22** for assistance.
5. a) As the apostles question **Jesus** about the kingdom of Israel, what is significant from His answer to them regarding what they won't know, and what He promises they will experience from **Acts 1:6-8**?
- b) How does the promise in **V8** regarding being **Jesus'** witness encourage or embolden you today?
6. Who is the **Holy Spirit** and what is His role in the life of believers in the following Scriptures?
- **John 14:16-18**

 - **John 14:26**

 - **John 16:7-13**

 - your favorite verse

7. Describe the events in **Acts 1:9-11** in your own words. Write a truth about **Jesus** from these verses. (Note: A truth is true for all time, for all people, everywhere.)

8. Read **V12-14**. Who is present in the upper room and what are they known to do?

9. As you review **V15-26**, what do you notice about this scene and the apostles' decision process? How do you see the attributes of **God** reflected in what occurs? Share with your group how you might apply what you've learned to a current decision you / your loved ones are making.

10. REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS

Meditate on these words of **Jesus** to His disciples from **John 20:21-22**: "**Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."** As you consider the gift of the **Holy Spirit** and the commission to be witnesses to the world in **Acts 1:8**, write a prayer for those to whom you are sent and your witness to them. Include a reflection on what hinders you in your witness to the world.

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PRAYER REQUEST