

ACTS

Group Guide:
Week 1

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What do you know about the book of Acts?
- If you or someone else wrote a book about you, what would the title be?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

Acts takes place after Jesus has conquered death and risen from the grave and begins with Jesus giving his disciples the power they need to live out his mission in the world. Acts is the story of how Jesus, the Spirit, and the disciples start the church. In today's passage we see Jesus' fulfillment of the promise to give the disciples power, and we recognize that this promise is for us too.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Acts 1-2:12

DISCUSS:

- Jesus tells the disciples to wait on the Spirit which he has spoken about before. What do you know about what Jesus says about the Holy Spirit in the gospels? How would knowing that Jesus wants to give the disciples power to live like him encourage their faith?
- How would you describe what a "witness" is? Why do we need the Spirit to be a witness?
- What is the significance of the disciples speaking other languages? What does it say about what God wants to do in the world?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- The promise of the Spirit is not only for Jesus and the disciples, but for everyone who proclaims Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Are you aware of this promise being for you? Have you asked God for the power that comes with the Spirit? Do you fervently desire this?

PRAY

Praise Jesus who gives us the power we need to do what he called us to do. Pray that this week we would all experience the promise and power of the Spirit in our own lives to be Jesus' faithful witnesses.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?