

# The Book of Acts

## Study Guide and Discussion Questions

Read Acts 1:1-26

1. In Acts 1:1-3 list the four things that Jesus did and taught prior to ascending into heaven.

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2. As Jesus spoke to His disciples in verses 4 & 5, He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Father. That past year, as Jesus walked with the disciples, He told them about this Promise that would come from the Father. It was now time for them to remember. Look up the following verses and note what you learn about this promised helper from God and how He would help the disciples in Christ's physical absence.

**John 14:16-18**

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**John 14:25-27**

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**John 15:26**

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**John 16:5-15**

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3. What were the people concerned with in verse 6? Contrast that with Jesus' concern in

verses 7 & 8. What rebuke did Jesus give and why?

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**4. In Acts 1:8 Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit coming “upon” them. The word “upon” is “epi” in Greek. What was the purpose of this filling of the Holy Spirit?**

**a. Read John 20:21-22 and describe what happened.**

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**b. Then read Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30 and 5:18. Describe what happens to the believer at the time of salvation.**

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**c. What is the difference between these two fillings of the Holy Spirit?**

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**5. Read Acts 1:9-11 and describe how Jesus was taken up into heaven. Why is this important according to verse 11b?**

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**6. As we read Acts 1:13-15. You see a long list of people who were gathered in the upper room who would be Christ’s witnesses as the church began. Does anything stand out to you**

**about those present? What were these people doing?**

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*“With one accord.” This phrase, which is found eleven times in the Book of Acts, is made up of two words that mean “same” and “mind.” The phrase speaks of people sharing the same mind or thinking like-mindedly. It does not refer to people who all think and feel the same way about everything, but to people who set aside personal feelings and commit themselves to one task – in this case witnessing to others about the Lord Jesus Christ (See Romans 15:5-6). (Nelson Study Bible, page 1815).*

**7. In Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8, David spoke words of prophecy concerning an individual. We know now that this was Judas Iscariot of whom he spoke. We see these words repeated in Acts 1:20. Read Acts 1:16-20. What was the purpose of Peter referencing David’s prophecy as he addressed the believers present?**

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**8. In Acts 1:21-23 what were the qualifications for an apostle? Who did Peter propose could fulfill this?**

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**9. Read Acts 1:24-26. In choosing the twelfth apostle note the two things they do and in what order. Who did they choose?**

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**10. Have you ever experienced the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you to be His witness? Describe this time. If you cannot think of a time you were empowered as a witness by the Holy Spirit, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you so you can be a bold witness for Him.**

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**11. The disciples of Jesus were told that they would be Christ’s witnesses in “Jerusalem, all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” Notice that their witness started close to home and went out from there as Christ was building the church of believers. Why, do you think, they were instructed in this manner?**

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**Think about the verses we studied today. Are there any in particular that are speaking to you right now?**

**Take a moment either now or later as you review your notes to think about how you can do as James recommended – be a doer of the Word and not just one who hears and then soon forgets.**