



DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 1: Jesus Continued

SERIES OVERVIEW

In the book of Acts, Luke chronicles the continued work of Jesus through His actions and what He taught. It highlights the spread of the Gospel through the work of the apostles, particularly focusing on Peter and Paul, and emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and empowering the believers. Major themes include the fulfillment of Jesus' mission, the growth of the church amidst persecution, and the inclusion of Gentiles into the Christian faith.

[Book of Acts Video Overview](#)

Watch as a group!

CONTEXT

In Acts 1:1-5, Luke recounts Jesus' final instructions to the apostles before His ascension, emphasizing the promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus instructs them to stay in Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit, who will empower them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus is still working today, just not in the flesh. He works through his people by the Holy Spirit.

ICE BREAKER

Happy New Year!

Let's play a holiday version of "High - Low". Share a "High" from your Christmas holiday and a "Low".

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-5

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."



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GROUP DISCUSSION

Take a moment to watch the Book of Acts Overview Video: Chapters 1-12. [VIDEO](#)

As we begin our new sermon series, share what you know about the book of Acts? What would you like to learn more about in this series?

As Pastor James shared how we will ADVANCE the mission in 2026, what are you most excited about?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Read Acts 1:1-2. The word apostle in verse 2 means “sent ones”. All Christ followers who have the Holy Spirit in them are “sent ones”. What does this mean for us in relation to the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20?

Verse 3 is about Jesus preparing the apostles through his appearances and teaching them about the Kingdom. Compare and discuss the significance of the 40 days of Jesus preparation for ministry and the 40 days of him preparing the apostles.

How has All To Him prepared you and our church to carry out the Great Commission?

Read verses 4-5. What event & person of the Trinity are these verses referring to? Why are they significant for the audience and us today?

Discussion continued: What is the purpose of Spirit Baptism mentioned in vs 5?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Pray and ask God what food He wants you to fast from during 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Share with your group what and who you will pray for during 21 Days.

