



Acts is about:

- The book of Acts is about the _____ as much as it is about the _____.
- The book of Acts is about what a _____ life looks like in believers called the _____.

And I will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you.” Luke 24:49 (GNT)

- The book of Acts is about _____ story.
In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach... Acts 1:1 (NIV)

... until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Acts 1:2-3 (NIV)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 1:4 (NIV)

Some reasons they may have been made to wait:

- It kept them from thinking of what they _____ do, and forced them to _____ to what Jesus told them to do.
- They needed something greater than their **fear** to face the challenges ahead.
But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you.” Luke 24:49 (GNT)
- They needed time to _____ that this was not about them; this was about God.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” Acts 1:5-6 (NIV)

7“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:1-8 (NIV)

(May) The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:14 (MSG)

About the Holy Spirit:

- The Holy Spirit is a _____, not an _____.
The world at large cannot receive him, for it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you do, for he lives with you now and some day shall be in you. John 14:17 (TLB)
- The Holy Spirit is a _____, not _____.
I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter.. John 14:6 (TLB)
- The Holy Spirit is _____.
But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit ... you have not lied to men but to God.” Acts 5:3 & 4 (MSG)
- The Holy Spirit is _____ in our lives.
Don’t grieve God. Don’t break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don’t take such a gift for granted. Ephesians 4:30 (MSG)

One of the many reason we need the Holy Spirit is:

- We need the power of God to be a _____ for God.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Being a witness:

- A witness shares what they _____.
- A witness shares their _____.
- A witness shares their _____.
- The Spirit is _____, the church is _____, and we are invited to _____ in it.



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words, how is the book of Acts about the present and the past?
- How is the book of Acts about your story? What does that mean? (How did those in Acts affect your story?)
- Why is waiting on God so difficult for us? Talk through the points under the sub-heading “Reasons they may have been made to wait”. Which of these would you say is most difficult for you?
- Why is it important to know the Holy Spirit? How is the Holy Spirit a comforter in our lives?
- What are some other reasons the Holy Spirit is necessary in our lives?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us to be a witness?
- What could you share about Jesus as a witness to Jesus?
- As a witness, how is your life different since you accepted Jesus?
- How can you play your part in the story of Acts?

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BEING A WITNESS