



DIGGING DEEPER

Acts 1 – Getting Ready

PLEASE READ – Acts 1v1-26

GETTING STARTED

Focus in on Acts 1v8 and talk about how that verse helps us understand the **purpose** of Acts and the **structure** of Acts... (See also Acts 8v1 as one key transition)

Why does Luke talk about a former book and how do they both fit together? (See also Luke 24v46-49)

1) PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT (v3-5)

What's the significance of the command to 'wait' and how does that command apply to us today (See also v14)

Who therefore has been baptised with the Spirit? (See 1 Cor 12v13 / Acts 2v38-39)
It's worth noting that some Christians disagree about this!

2) PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL (v6-8)

Who is Jesus speaking to in v6-8? How do Jesus words apply to us today? How do you know?

What were the disciples failing to understand in v6?

3) ASCENSION OF JESUS (v9-11)

Why is the ascension of Jesus so important? (See John 7v37-39, John 16v7)

4) PRAYERFULNESS OF THE PEOPLE (v12-14)

How is waiting related to praying?

How would you describe their commitment to prayer? How far off are we from imitating their ways?

5) APPOINTMENT OF MATTHIAS (v15-26)

Why did this need to happen and why did it need to happen then (before the coming of the Spirit)? (See also Rev 21v9-14)

How encouraged are you by v24-26? How does God guide his church today?

Meditate on the words below...

John 16v7: But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.