

FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY

Welcome! Today, we begin our New Year message series: ***Exploring the Book of Acts***. In this study of early Church history, you will be enlightened and encouraged by the power of the gospel as it spread throughout the world and transformed lives.

Read: Acts 1:1-8

1. THINK: _____

Take a few minutes and talk about some of the things that stood out to you from the Luke/Acts prologues. What did you notice?

What is Luke showing us or telling us via the Acts prologue? What question is Luke asking us?

2. THINK: _____

Who was the recipient of this letter? What do we know about this guy?

How does the recipient's name, likely, speak to Luke's goal for Acts? What were the disciples commissioned and challenged with?

3. THINK: _____

What did Jesus promise His disciples? What did you learn about "power" in the book of Acts?

The Holy Spirit presence and power these early believers went from what to what? Mission _____ to mission _____.

Have you ever felt the weight of winning others to Christ? Do you feel that weight right now? Can you talk about those feelings with one another? How does the Spirit's involvement in and advancement of the gospel encourage you? What do you and I need to remember most?

APPLICATION: Working through the questions below expand on how each applies to you.

- 1.) Are we, in 2026, going to follow Jesus' _____ pattern for our lives?
- 2.) Will we give ourselves to the creation of _____ everywhere we go?
- 3.) What about our commission is most challenging to you or frightening for you?