



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Acts 1:1-11 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Who is Theophilus, the man whom Luke (the author of Acts) addresses in verse 1?
- 5) How did Jesus prepare the apostles or ministry before he ascended to heaven?
- 6) Who is the Holy Spirit? Why is the Holy Spirit important for ministry?
- 7) Speaking of the Holy Spirit, how do you feel / interact with Him in your life?
- 8) What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit? ¹
- 9) Jesus told the disciples that they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. What is our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Ends of the Earth?
- 10) Why do you think the angel appeared after Jesus ascended?
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

¹ * John's water baptism prepared penitent Israelites to face the purging and transforming power of the Spirit that would characterize the messianic era (cf. Acts 2:3 note). '*Baptized with the Holy Spirit*' has been taken to mean being 'overwhelmed with' or 'immersed in Holy Spirit' (*en pneumatī hagiō*). (David G. Peterson, [The Acts of the Apostles](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Nottingham, England: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2009), 107.