



Lead The Way

Introduction: The book of Acts is the second volume in Luke's writings. The gospel of Luke told all of that which Jesus taught and did. The gospel revealed who Jesus was, why he came, and what he accomplished. Luke, in the book of Acts, desires to share how the Lord works after the resurrection. He shares how the indwelling of the Holy Spirit will continue the purpose of why Jesus came. This year, in 2018, we will examine the early church and how the apostles "Lead the Way" in witnessing for Jesus. Our prayer is that this places us on the same journey and that we too, will live a life that leads the way for others to encounter the reality of Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Text: Acts 1:1-11

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Have you ever been entrusted to deliver something important to someone else? Discuss
2. Acts 1:1-3 The Christian faith is established in the work of Christ. Why is it important to understand that the Christian faith has its roots in a historical reality?
3. What is the essential truth of the gospel message?
4. Acts 1:4 The Christian faith is empowered by the Spirit of Christ. Why did the apostles need the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
5. The baptism of the Holy Spirit: The book of Acts records a unique time in redemptive history. The transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant was being realized. Jesus, in the gospels, informed his followers that he would send them a helper. This was the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus. This ensured that the apostles were not left as orphans and that He would be with them to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit is given to every believer at the moment of conversion.
6. Why is it necessary to have the Holy Spirit?
7. According to Acts 1:8-what is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?
8. Where is your Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria?
9. How will you be a witness for Jesus this week?

Think About it:

The truth of Jesus changes everything for the believer. We have moved from death to life. We have received the Spirit of Christ within. We are empowered to live a life of faithfulness. Christianity is a faith established in the work of Christ, empowered by the Spirit of Christ, so we might be witnesses for the glory of Christ!

Moving Forward:

This week . . . lead the way. Start with your family. Honor your spouse. Pray with your children. Set the example of what it looks like to live for the Lord. Think of those you work with: how can you be a witness to those around you? Begin praying that the Holy Spirit might embolden you to share the gospel with someone. Walk in the awareness that you are to be a bold witness for Christ.