

JANUARY 7, 2018 SERMON & COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES

1) Introduction to the Book of Acts

- Main Scripture: Acts 1:1-3
- Supporting Scriptures: Luke 1:1-4; Colossians 4:14; Acts 18:2,12; Acts 1:8

Discussion Questions:

- What is the book of Acts about?
- Who was Luke?
- When was Acts written?
- How is Acts 1:8 an outline of the story of the book of Acts?
- Discuss the meaning of the following statement, especially how it affects our lives today:
"The book of Acts is about the mission of God to bring salvation to all nations through the gospel of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit"

2) God's Mission, God's Power

- Main Scripture: Acts 1:4-14
- Supporting Scriptures: John 16:7-13; Revelation 1:7; Luke 11:13

Discussion Questions:

- There are 3 main events of Acts 1:4-14, what are they?
- What is the meaning of Jesus' final words to His disciples in Acts 1:4-8?
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- Acts 1:8 – What is God's Mission, i.e. WHAT are we supposed to be doing?
- Acts 1:8 – What is God's Power, i.e. HOW do we accomplish God's mission?
- Application: are YOU living on Mission with Jesus? Is being Jesus' witness to the ends of the earth your primary mission in life, or are you living for something else?
- Application: Are YOU filled with the Holy Spirit? Are YOU accomplishing God's mission in your own power or through God's?
- What does Acts 1:9-11 teach us about the Return of Christ?
- How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 1:12-14?
- Application: So how about you, are YOU spending time in prayer in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit?