

## **SENIOR BIBLE FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT: APRIL 28, 2026**

Last time we met, we discussed John 15:26 – 16:15. These verses were during the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. Jesus knows the disciples have not grasped the reality of the situation...that he would soon be arrested, put on trial, and crucified. Some of them were still arguing who would be the greatest in Jesus' kingdom.

Knowing they will soon scatter from him, he tells them about the Holy Spirit who will help them once Jesus leaves them to be with the Father. The Holy Spirit is the Helper and Spirit of Truth. He will bear witness about Jesus and will guide the disciples in the truth. This will help them as they witness for Jesus.

Jesus tells the disciples that he needs to leave and then the Spirit will come to them. Once they encounter the Spirit, he will guide them into all truth...truth which comes from the Father.

As the story continues, Jesus is crucified. Then a few days later, the disciples encounter the risen Lord and are again reminded that the Holy Spirit will soon come. We pick up the story in Acts 1, where Jesus is ascending into the heavens as the disciples watch.

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

Acts 1:1 – 11

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Read Acts 1:1 – 11 and be ready to discuss the following questions on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Luke says that in the gospel of Luke he wrote about what Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up. After Jesus was taken up, how did Jesus give commands to the apostles?
2. In verse 4, Jesus gives them orders. What are these orders?
3. What does Jesus say will happen to them?
4. In verse 6, what is still on the disciple's minds and what do they ask Jesus?
5. How does Jesus respond to their question and what does he ask them to do?
6. What have you learned about the Holy Spirit in today's passage?
7. Share one thing on how you rely on the Holy Spirit's power.