



“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”—Acts 1:8

Day 1 Read Acts 1:1-5 with Luke 1:1-4

1. What convincing proofs does Luke make sure to reference in the opening of his books?
2. How would these proofs have prepared the apostles, the early Christians and us to be witnesses of Jesus?

Day 2 Read Acts 1:1-5

3. Why would the disciples need to remain in Jerusalem?
4. How had Jesus' followers been prepared for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit?
5. In what ways would the Holy Spirit prepare them to be Christ's witnesses? (See John 14:16-18; 16:12-15).
6. What difference does the Holy Spirit make in a believer's life and witness? (See Romans 8:9, 14-16; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Galatians 5:13-26).
7. What ministry of the Holy Spirit is particularly meaningful to you right now and why? How will you thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit?

Day 3 Read Acts 1:6-11

8. For what are the disciples eager, and how does Jesus' response redirect their thinking about God's kingdom?
9. What truths about Jesus's ascension and return do you learn from this passage?

10. What does this scene teach you about living as witnesses in God's kingdom today?

Day 4 Read Acts 1:12-26

11. What do the disciples do as they wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit?

12. How do the disciples go about replacing Judas and why is it important?

13. What do you learn about the way God guides His people in the choosing of leaders?

14. How does the disciples' example encourage you to wait for God to fulfill his promises?

Days 5 and 6

Reflection & Response

15. How has your thinking about living as Christ's witness in God's kingdom been challenged or expanded? Where is God calling you to be his witness?

The Awakening of Washington's Church

Chapters 1-4

16. The Falls Church Anglican in Falls Church, VA includes a rich history with George Washington's great, great grandfather as one of its founding members. When you think of rebuilding St. John's Parish Church, what are some things that come to mind? How do those thoughts include mission to the unchurched or lost?

17. St. John's Parish Church has a long history as does The Falls Church. What are some parallels you can see in the first chapters of *The Awakening of Washington's Church*?

18. Sometimes God calls us into something new when we have been quite comfortable right where we were. Change is difficult. Consider and discuss the statement by psychologist Henry Levinson, "all change is loss and loss must be mourned."