

GOD'S VISION FOR HIS PEOPLE

Acts 1:1-26

Key Verse: 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

1. What did the author Luke write about in his first book (1-2)? After his suffering, and before his ascension, what did Jesus do (3)? Why did the apostles need resurrection faith and hope in the kingdom of God?
2. What was Jesus' command and promise (4-5)? Why was it important to stay in Jerusalem (Lk 24:47; Ac 2:5)? Why did the apostles need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit? How did they misunderstand the kingdom of God (6)?
3. Read verses 7-8. In what respect was God's plan different than the apostles' plan? How was God's plan rooted in his vision for his people (Ge 12:2-3; Ex 19:5-6)? How can this vision be fulfilled?
4. What did Jesus do next (9)? What promise was given to the apostles (10-11)? Why was this important? How did they respond (12-14)? What is the significance of constant, united prayer?
5. What problem did Peter discover and how did he seek to resolve it (15-20)? What did he suggest (21-22)? How did the believers seek God's will and follow it? What can we learn about sound leadership and spiritual unity?