

## STUDY GUIDE

Acts 1:1-26

“Preparing for the Power of Pentecost”

- 1) Jesus presented himself alive after his crucifixion “*by many proofs.*” Why is the resurrection so important to our faith in Jesus Christ?
  
- 2) Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem and Jerusalem and “*wait for the promise of the Father.*” How can we “*wait*” God's promises today?
  
- 3) As Jews, the disciples were looking for a different “*Kingdom*” than the one Jesus described to them. What was the “*Kingdom*” Jesus spoke about? What kingdoms do we look for in our world today?
  
- 4) What does it mean to be “*baptized with the Holy Spirit*”? Discuss differing ideas of what being “*baptized with the Holy Spirit*” means – and share experiences you have seen and/or heard from others.
  
- 5) What is being a “*witness*” by the power of the Holy Spirit mean? Describe ways we can be a “*witness*” for the risen Christ - both in who are (character) and what we do (works/deeds).
  
- 6) In what ways does putting our faith in the assurance of Jesus’ return empower us to be “*witnesses*”?
  
- 7) In what ways is prayer both the thermometer and the thermostat of the local church?
  
- 8) Why did Peter feel the need to appoint another apostle? How were they able to discern whom God called to take Judas’ place? What can we learn from the principles and processes they used?
  
- 9) We are saved by God in order to serve God. What keeps us from living out our lives in service to God.? Share/discuss ways we can prepare ourselves for the Holy Spirit to empower us to serve God.
  
- 10) **FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:** Discuss the implications (personally and for the church) of . . .

“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.” Acts 1:8