

Ready, Set, Go!

Acts 1:1-11

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The purpose of Acts:

The lesson in Acts 1:1-11:

With great power comes great responsibility.

Setting the context (Acts 1:1-3):

Theophilus

The Gospel of Luke

The book of Acts

The lessons they learned (Acts 1:4-11):

Be ready. When the Spirit comes, the mission continues.

The Holy Spirit will empower them to be Jesus' witnesses.

Jesus will return some day in the same way He left

The lessons we learn from Acts 1:1-11:

Our witness must be connected to Jesus' life and teaching

Our witness is only possible through the power of the Spirit

Our witness is not a suggestion; it's a call to share with everyone

The Take-away: My "1" this year is _____

Questions for Life Group or Personal Reflection

Getting Started

Why did Luke write Acts?

How does Luke's purpose for the book inform our interpretation?

If you could have any super power, what would it be (yeah, let's go there)?

What insight, truth or discovery from the message in Acts 1:1-11 stood out to you as helpful, enlightening or disturbing? Explain why.

The Apostles thought Jesus was preparing to restore Israel back to glory. Were they foolish for thinking this way? Why or why not? Describe how you would feel if you were there that day.

Deeper Dive

Read John 14:15-31. Jot down any observations you make about the Holy Spirit.

When Pastor Andrew suggested that a primary purpose of receiving the Holy Spirit is to witness for Jesus, what was your gut reaction? (e.g. offended, contrarian, convicted, nervous, defensive, etc.)

What is your biggest fear about witnessing (sharing and living your faith in front of other people—especially non-Christians)?

Read John 16:7-11. Does knowing that it's the Spirit's job to make your witness effective give you any more confidence? Explain your answer.

Did you write down a name on the other side of this page of someone you can focus on witnessing to this year? If you could not think of anyone, take some time to pray that God would put people in your life who need to hear the good news about Jesus' life and message.

Ask your Life Group (or another Christian) to pray for you as you witness for Christ, and to pray for your "1."