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Sermon Based Questions

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This week we begin a verse-by-verse study in the book of Acts which documents the birth of the early church. In this first chapter we see the disciples instructed to wait for the Holy Spirit before embarking on their mission to take the message of Jesus to the world.

“GET TO KNOW YOU” QUESTIONS

- How do you begin your day? What is the first thing you do in the morning? Trips to the washroom should be excluded from your list 😊
- What was the first church you attended like?

READ ACTS 1:1-2

The opening verses tells us that Luke (a gentile) penned this document for a man named Theophilus with the aim of continuing the story of Jesus that he began in the gospel of Luke.

- The book of Acts is a transitional book which documents the gospel moving from Jews out into the entire world. Why is this important? How is it helpful for us to understand the rest of the New Testament?
- In the message, Nathan pointed out that there are many different roles within the church: visible leaders like Peter & Paul, detail people like Luke, and benefactors like Theophilus. Does this reality change the way you view your gifting and contribution to the kingdom?

READ ACTS 1:3-5

- Jesus appeared to his disciples regularly over a period of 40 days. Have you ever considered this before? Does this give you more or less confidence in their witness to the resurrection?
- Jesus commands his disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promised Holy Spirit. What do you think they expected to happen when the Holy Spirit would come?
- In the message, Nathan pointed to two common views regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit 1) Cessationism – the Holy Spirit only worked in this way through the apostles in the first century. 2) Continuationism – the Holy Spirit continues to work in this way today. Which of these two views were you taught (if any)?

READ ACTS 1:6-11

- The disciples want to know when Jesus will return to establish his kingdom on earth. While it is appropriate to study the end times and watch the events of history which point to his return → how much of our time and attention should be given to this and how much should be given to being a witness to his resurrection? Discuss.

TAKING ACTION

- What are you waiting for? Have you believed in Jesus? Received the Holy Spirit? Are you sharing your witness boldly? Are you at work in God’s field?