



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, June 2, 2024

## ACTS: The Heart of the Church Empowered to Witness

### Read/Reflect

1. Read Acts 1:12-26. What part of this story stands out to you as you read about these events?
2. Given that Jesus had just ascended, and that Peter reminds the group of the terrible betrayal Judas had committed, and that Peter himself had earlier denied knowing Jesus at all, what do you think the feeling was like as the group of Jesus followers gathered together?
3. What is the significance of having 12 (specifically) apostles who witnessed the life and ministry of Jesus?

### Explore

4. What brought the people together? How is that the same or different than today?

<input type="checkbox"/> Fear of how they will be treated	<input type="checkbox"/> Social interest and connection
<input type="checkbox"/> Uncertainty of how to live	<input type="checkbox"/> To be inspired and entertained
<input type="checkbox"/> Seeking a sense of purpose & hope	<input type="checkbox"/> Tradition
<input type="checkbox"/> Devotion to their Teacher & Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5. What is it about the church (in general, or New Life Church) that assures you the church will survive? What is it about the church that makes you wonder whether the church will survive?
6. The disciples' commission was to be Christ's witnesses (Acts 1:8). Why is prayer the thing they gather for (Acts 1:14)? What role do you play in the prayer life of the church?
7. Where do you see God at work? When have you sensed God's invitation to join him in his work? What has been your response?

### Pray

- A prayer of thanksgiving for the power of God at work in your life and the transformation and renewal Christ works in you by the Holy Spirit.
- A prayer of equipping to give witness to the transforming power of Christ in your life to others (i.e. to be Christ's ambassador).