

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#1 – HURRY UP AND WAIT

INTRODUCTION:

- When have you started a project that you later regretted not taking the time to read the directions or waited for instruction?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

Note: Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel. The book of Acts references Luke's "former book" and picks up where Luke leaves off in his gospel. In this passage, Luke is restating the Great Commission challenge Jesus gave in Luke 24. Throughout the rest of the book, Luke shows how that command was being carried out with the help of the Holy Spirit, as the news of the gospel spread throughout "Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Read Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11

- Why is Luke taking the time to pass along this information?
- Why did Jesus tell the disciples that they had to wait? Weren't they trained?
- What does it mean, "As Christians we are always to be advancing on our knees?"
- Why did Jesus have to go? John 16:7
- Who is the Holy Spirit? John 16:12-15
- What does it mean to be a witness?
- What is the *power* of the Holy Spirit? (8) How is this different today?
- What is the pattern of witnessing in verse 1:8?
- What do you think of Jesus' command to be witnesses "to the end of the earth"? (8)

APPLICATION:

- To which "Jerusalem" are you called to bear witness? "Judea and Samaria"? Ends of the earth?
- For what are you waiting? Is God telling you to wait on His direction? Do you need the power of the Holy Spirit?

We are given power so that we can tell people about Jesus, enabling them to know Him, too. There is no point to having the power of the Holy Spirit, if we aren't sharing the gospel. And there is no point to sharing the gospel, if we don't have the Spirit's power.

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