

Acts: Part 1

Main Idea

The Church is a movement of people empowered by the Holy Spirit, not a place where you go.

Starter

What is a current celebration or challenge in your life? (Two-minute version)

Discuss

How can we pray for you and/or your family?

Before you jump into your Scripture discussion, spend some time praying together as the Holy Spirit leads.

Scripture

Take turns reading [Acts 1:1-11](#). Then, discuss.

- What promises and commands do you see in this passage? Which is most striking to you?
- What does this passage show you about Jesus and what He wants for our lives?
- If someone asked you to explain the story of the Bible, how confident would you be to share the Gospel with them? Why?
- As a group, let's see if we can map out the story together. Pick someone to be the artist and try to map out the "7 acts" of the Bible and explain it together.
 - Here is your "cheat sheet" as a leader:
 - **Old Testament:**
 - **Act 1: Creation** (Genesis 1-2)
 - **Act 2: Rebellion** (Genesis 3-11)
 - **Act 3: Promise** (Genesis 12- Malachi)
 - **New Testament:**
 - **Act 4: Christ** (Gospels)
 - **Act 5: Church**
 - **Act 6: Final Judgement**
 - **Act 7: New Creation** (NT Writings)
 - If your group needs some help, check out these videos from the Bible Project.
 - [The story of the Bible](#) and [What is the Bible?](#)

Apply

As you close your group, break up into groups of 2-3 and share about the following questions:

- In what ways do you need to depend more fully on the power of the Holy Spirit?
- What is a way the Holy Spirit is leading you to be more engaged in Jesus' mission?

As the Holy Spirit leads, pray for each other and for the Church to be strengthened in our faith and empowered on mission.