



## **Acts 1**

### **Something to Start Us Off**

- Can you share a time when you faced a big challenge and felt underprepared, but something or someone gave you the strength to move forward? What was that experience like?

### **Something to Notice**

- What specific instructions does Jesus give to the apostles before his ascension, and where are they told to wait?
- How many days pass between Jesus' ascension and the gathering of the disciples in the upper room, and who are some of the key people mentioned as present?
- What criteria do the apostles establish for selecting a replacement for Judas, and what method do they use to make the final decision?

### **Something to Learn**

Acts 1:8 is sometimes considered the key verse to the whole book. In a way, it outlines the book and the initial growth of the early church.

- Why might Jesus emphasize the promise of the Holy Spirit's power before the apostles begin their mission, and what does this suggest about the nature of their task?
- How does the apostles' decision to replace Judas with Matthias reflect their understanding of their role and the continuity of God's plan?
- What does the disciples' commitment to prayer in the upper room reveal about their preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit?

### **Something to Take Home**

- Jesus told the apostles to wait for the Holy Spirit's power before starting their mission. How can we seek and rely on God's guidance and strength before stepping out to face our own challenges.
- The apostles prioritized prayer and unity while awaiting the Spirit's arrival. What practical steps can we take to cultivate consistent prayer and connection with others?
- Anything else you'd like to point out?