

**The Department of Church Growth and Development**  
**Bible Study Outlines from The Book of Acts**

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:1-26

Key Verses: Acts 1:4,5,8

**Lesson #1 Waiting for The Promised Holy Spirit**

**Proposition:** The Empowerment of The Holy Spirit Is Essential for Effective Christian Witness.

1. **Jesus' followers witnessed His resurrection. (1-3)**
  - A. Jesus' earthly ministry is recorded in Luke's gospel. (1,2)
  - B. Jesus' resurrection has many infallible proofs. (3)
  - C. Jesus' resurrection was witnessed by His followers. (3)
    1. He appeared to them during a forty-day period. (3)
    2. He spoke to them about the kingdom of God. (3)
    3. II. Jesus' followers heeded His command. (4-8)
2. **Jesus' followers heeded His command. (4-8)**
  - A. They were commanded to stay in Jerusalem. (4)
  - B. They were to wait for the promise of the Father. (4)
    1. They were to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (5)
    2. They were not to be sidetracked by other issues. (6-7)
    3. They were to receive power to effectively witness. (8)
3. **Jesus' followers witnessed His ascension. (9-11)**
  - A. They saw Him taken up in a cloud out of their sight. (9)
  - B. They saw two men in white stand beside them. (10)
  - C. They heard these men promise His return in like manner. (11)
4. **Jesus' followers obeyed His command. (12-26)**
  - A. They returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. (12)
  - B. They went to the upper room and waited. (13)
    1. They continued with one accord in prayer. (14)
    2. They replaced the Apostle Judas Iscariot. (15-26)
      - a. Peter addressed the 120 followers present. (15-22)
        - 1) Judas' actions fulfilled scripture (16-20)
          - a) He guided those who arrested Jesus. (16)
          - b) He was numbered with the Apostles. (17)
          - c) He had a part in the Apostolic Ministry. (17)
          - d) He purchased the field with money he got (18)
          - e) He committed suicide in a horrible death. (18)
          - f) His field is known as the field of blood. (19)
          - g) He was spoken of in the Book of Psalms. (20)
        - 2) Another must take his place as Apostle. (20-22)
          - a) He must have been there from the beginning. (21)
          - b) He must be a witness of the resurrection. (22)
    - b. They proposed Joseph or Matthias. (23)
    - c. They prayed for God to show them the right one. (24-25)
    - d. They cast lots and the lot fell on Matthias. (26)
    - e. They chose Matthias to become an Apostle. (26)