

# 2024 - Family Devo

## Jan 7 - a



### READ: Acts 1:1-5

**Main Idea:** The inspired author of Acts (Luke) picks up where he left off at the end of the gospel of Luke. Jesus has risen from the dead and appeared to many disciples for forty days. Before he leaves and goes back to heaven, he tells his apostles the Holy Spirit will come upon them shortly.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Do you think they had any idea what the help of the Holy Spirit would mean to the apostles? Do you think the apostles were worried about no longer having Jesus on earth with them to tell them what to do?

**Teen:** Why were the apostles waiting before they left Jerusalem? Why did they need the Holy Spirit before continuing

**Adult:** It is common to have a “let down” period after a big exciting time. Think about children and the weeks after Christmas. The anticipation is gone and there's a feeling of “now what?” When have you experienced this type of feeling? Did you find something to cause you to look forward? Do you think this is how the disciples felt in the time after Jesus' resurrection and ascension? How would you have felt if you heard Jesus speak about the Holy Spirit?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Acts 2:38 (ESV)**

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### READ: Acts 1:6-11

**Main Idea:** The apostles asked Jesus if it was time for him to restore the kingdom of Israel. They still thought his kingdom would be earthly. Without addressing their misconceptions, Jesus tells them what their jobs will be. They will be witnesses. They will tell of what they had seen. And the Holy Spirit will help them.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** They probably still have no idea what it means to have the Holy Spirit inside them. Jesus didn't actually tell them what to expect. Do you think they wondered things like – is it going to hurt? How will I know when I have it? Will I be able to do the type of things I've watched Jesus do, like heal people?

**Teen:** Even after Jesus' death, the apostles still think of an earthly kingdom. Is it possible to get so caught up in what you want to happen that you don't see that God could have a greater plan? Are we supposed to know everything God knows? What is our job as Christians? Who is our ever-present Helper in carrying out these duties? (Ps 46:1)

**Adult:** Have you heard it said that there are no dumb questions? The disciples had an earnest question for Jesus, but he didn't really answer their question. Would you have felt frustrated? Or would you have taken what he said to mean that it wasn't something for you to worry about and been content with that? Do you think they understood how they would be witnesses and what sacrifices it would entail?

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