

Journey Group Study Guide

Changing Channels: Ready, Sit, Sit...

Acts 1:4-8

For the week of September 13, 2009

Warming Up

What is your favorite reality television show, and why are they so popular today?

What is one long-awaited "prize" you received that was worth the wait? Why?

In Full Stride

Read Luke 24:45-53

How does the book of Acts pick up where Luke leaves off?

Read Acts 1:4-8

Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to leave Jerusalem?

What does Jesus mean by being baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Why are the disciples asking Jesus if the kingdom will be restored when the Holy Spirit comes upon them?

What was Jesus' final teaching, and final promise before His ascension?

What is the scope of the disciple's assignment after they received the Holy Spirit, and what might their response have been?

For The Road

What is a witness?

Read Acts 28:23 & 2 Corinthians 5:11

We must rely on the Spirit's power when we witness, but we also must use persuasion. Where's the balance, and how can we err by using too much personal persuasion?

Read Acts 8:29, 39; 9:17, 31; 10:19-20; 11:12; 13:4; 16:6-9; 19:21

What do these verses have in common with us today, as it relates to the Holy Spirit?

Read Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:8-11

What does it mean when someone says that "Salvation is an event, but Christianity is a life-long process".

What can you do to assure that you develop a thorough knowledge of God's Word that brings about the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Read Ephesians 4:25-31, Galatians 5:16-21

How, and in what different ways do we limit the Holy Spirit's power in our lives?

To which "Jerusalem" are you called to bear witness and how do you need the Spirit to help you?

Extra Mile

Christ came to earth to reveal God to mankind. He did that not only through His words but His actions as well. Get together with a Christian friend and discuss what practical applications you can make for your own attitudes and actions based on Christ's example: Mark 6:34, John 17:20-23, Philippians 2:5-8, and 1 Peter 2:21-23.

Memorize Acts 1:7-8 and be prepared to share it with your group next week.