



## PART 4: THE MISSION CONTINUES

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### Sermon Notes

Text: Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-4

#### Intro:

Acts 1:1-11

Acts is part two of a two volume work (Luke-Acts)

*The ministry of Jesus did not end when he left earth. It was just the beginning.*

*Jesus' ministry continues by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the physical presence of the Church.*

*Spirit baptism is an immersion in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.*

Jesus' ascension places him in the control centre of the universe. From there, he pours the Holy Spirit out on his followers.

Acts 2:33

Acts 1:8

*The gift of the Holy Spirit is power. The purpose of the power is witness.*

Acts 1:14

*Waiting for God is a social activity.*

Acts 2:1-4

The coming of the Spirit was accompanied by signs: Sound of wind, tongues of fire, speaking in tongues.

Tongues speaking signals an undoing of the curse of Babel.

The Spirit empowered community continues Jesus' mission to bring freedom, recovery, liberty & favour to the world (Luke 4:18).

#### Conclusion:

## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

1. Are you a patient person, or do you struggle with patience? What makes patience easy or hard for you? What is something you're waiting for God to do in your life?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

### Study & Discussion:

1. Read Acts 1:4-8. What is the purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus? How do we do that?
2. Read the following scriptures, which refer to the ascension of Jesus: John 16:7; Acts 2:33; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1-4; 1 Peter 3:21-22. What do these passages say about the ascension? What do they say about Jesus' current activities? What is different between what he's doing now in heaven, compared to what he did on earth? Why is that important?
3. Read Genesis 11:1-9 & Acts 2:1-12. What connections do you see between these two stories? Why does Luke make so many connections between prophetic speech (prophecy, tongues, praise, preaching) and the Holy Spirit?

### Application:

- Pray for each other to experience the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### Prayer:

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