

The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson: Waiting for the Spirit

Scripture: Acts 1:11-26

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Acts 2

Handout: The Apostles

Lesson Text:

Acts 1:1-2	The instructions:
Matthew 28:18-20	To initiate the church
Acts 1:3-5	To wait for the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:8	To go in the power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:6-7 Kingdom Question

Acts 1:9-11 The Ascension
(Luke 24:50-53)

Acts 1:12-15 The Apostles and charter members

The significance of noting that Christian believers numbered 120 was the Jewish law requiring a minimum of 120 Jewish men to form a community with its own council. The implication is that the followers of Jesus were sufficient in number to form a new community. Paul recorded that Jesus had over 500 followers to whom He appeared at one time ([1 Cor. 15:6](#)). This suggests that Jesus had an even larger following outside Jerusalem.—LXVI

Acts 1:16-26 Matthias replaces Judas

Discussion:

- Compare the commission in Matthew 28 to the one in Acts 1
- Discuss Jesus' answer to the Kingdom question as it pertains to premillennialism
- Discuss Jewish political/religious communities; Essenes, Zealots, Samaritans