

STUDY GUIDE FOR SMALL GROUPS

SPIRIT-FILLED LIVING

Week of September 22

"United for Mission by the Spirit"

Text: Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-13

Opening Questions (Getting Started)

Introductions - everyone know everyone?

Who would you want to write your biography and why?

Background to Acts

Going Deeper (Pick the questions you believe would be most helpful to discuss)

1. What do you notice is the purpose of Luke's recording of what happened after Jesus ascended to heaven?
2. What are there "tension points" in this first chapter - what are the disciples having to face that might have an impact on them?
3. Look at vs.7-8. What do you notice that Jesus says and doesn't say.
4. What is the reaction of the disciples - how might have they been interpreting what they are experiencing?

Reflection/Application (Making it more personal)

1. What is the impact of Jesus' words have on you? The angels' words?
2. Reflect on John 16:5-15 - how does this relate to Luke 1 for you?
3. Describe a time when you "received power" from the Holy Spirit. How did you know it came from God?
4. Many people have a stumbling block on the definition of "witness". How would you describe of what it means to "be a witness"?
5. What would you call your "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"?
6. How do you sense the need for the Spirit in your life? How can we encourage each other in being faithful followers, empowered by the Holy Spirit?