

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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The Books of Acts

FORWARD TOGETHER

Acts 1:1-11

Greek Ekklesia: An assembly of people called out around an idea.

German Kirche: A sacred place where you gather for religious purposes.

Two Questions:

- **For Us:** Are we, as a church, just doing ministry, running an institution—or are we part of a movement?
- **For you:** Is the church a place you attend, or is it a movement you are personally part of?

Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 And while staying[a] with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

The Ascension

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Two important things about the movement:

1. The message captured their hearts and minds _____
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Acts 4:12

“Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

2. The yielded themselves to the leadership of the Spirit. _____
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- Luke 1:15, John the Baptist, being filled with the Spirit, proclaims the coming of the Lord.
- Luke 1:41, Elizabeth, being filled with the Spirit, proclaimed blessing over Mary.
- Luke 1:67, Zechariah, being filled with the Spirit, prophesied about the coming glory of Jesus.
- Acts 2:4, The Holy Spirit fills the Apostles at Pentecost and they begin to declare God’s praises in multiple languages.
- Acts 4:8, Peter is filled with the Spirit and preaches to the rulers that Jesus is their only hope of salvation.
- Acts 4:31, the disciples are filled with the Spirit and they speak the word of God boldly in the face of severe persecution.
- Acts 9:20, Paul is filled with the Spirit, and he immediately begins to preach in the synagogues.

Excuses:

1. “I don’t have what it takes”
2. “It’s not my gift”
3. “I just let my life do the witnessing”
4. “I don’t have time”
5. “Talking to other people about Jesus makes me feel weird”