

# ACTS

**Acts 1** | Group Discussion Guide | September 07, 2025

**Key Scripture:** Acts 1:1-11

**Key Points on the Introduction to the book of Acts:**

- You'll see that characters matter a lot, locations matter a lot, & real world connections matter a lot because it really changed the world.
- That confidence calls you to lean in to invest in your mind, & invest in your connection.
- That confidence calls the church to lean in to invest in kids, invest in students, & invest in depth.
- Two outcomes: 1) Confidence in Acts, & 2) Confidence in the growth of the gospel.
- You'll see God move in the miraculous, the Church move in conflict, & individuals move to their oikos.

**Group Opener:** When you think about moments of *new beginnings* (a new school year, job, move, friendship, etc.), what thoughts or emotions come up?

**Discuss:**

1. What are you most looking forward to about this sermon series in the book of Acts?
2. **Read Acts 1:1-11 together.** What are some things you observe about these verses?
3. Acts 1:8 emphasizes that we're called to both *receive power from the Holy Spirit* and *be witnesses to others*. There is both action and dependence here. Do you tend to find it easier to rely on yourself and your strategies rather than relying on the power that comes from God? Why or why not?
4. Jesus calls His followers to be His witnesses *starting where they are* and then moving outward. What's one way you can share Jesus or show His love to people around you this week—at home, with friends, or at work/school?

**Pray:**

*(Feel free to pray this word-for-word or to pray freely):*

Lord, thank You for the confidence we have because of Your Spirit and Your mission. Help us to lean in with trust—investing in our minds, our connections, and the people around us. Give us courage to live as Your witnesses, starting where we are today. Use us to see Your gospel grow and transform lives. Amen.