

# Discussion Questions for Acts 1:1-11

Read Acts 1:1-11.

1. Take a look at Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-11. What is the purpose for the book of Luke? For the book of Acts? It is helpful to remember that the full name of the book of Acts is the "Acts of the Apostles."
2. As you read Acts 1:4 and 1:8, consider the idea that Jesus "spoke about the kingdom of God." and that the disciples were told to "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Can you think of any Bible verses later in the New Testament that might reveal some of the things that Jesus taught during his last 40 days on Earth?
3. When Jesus told the disciples to be my witnesses, what does that mean for us today? Was their mission complete, or does it continue with our generation? If you think it applies to us, how do you try to carry out this mission? If you think it doesn't apply, what are your reasons?
4. Read Matthew 3:11 and Acts 1:5-8. What does it mean to be baptized with water? What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit? What is the difference?
5. Read Galatian 5:22-23 and compare this with Acts 1:5-8. While the original disciples received powers of healing and other miraculous powers, many of the more common powers are listed as the fruit of the Spirit. Are you showing signs of a baptism of the Holy Spirit through any of the fruit of the Spirit? Are there other powers that you have received through the Holy Spirit? Which fruit do you need to improve?
6. How do you react to sin and suffering in the world while we wait for Jesus' return? Have you ever been frustrated by a situation that you think that God should have resolved sooner, only to realize later that something fabulous came out of the period of difficulty? Can you think of any good reasons why Jesus might be allowing so much sin and suffering in the world today?
7. Has anything ever surprised you into stunned silence? How do you think the disciples felt after experiencing everything in Acts 1:1-11?
8. The rest of Acts is going to show how the apostles and other disciples started to prepare for Jesus' return. How are you preparing for Jesus' return?