

Bold and Powerful: Promise of Power and Boldness
Acts 1:1-11
Discussion Guide: July 23, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.* -
John 14:26

Did you begin any new disciplines of prayer and fasting this past week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
 - o What questions do you have?
- If you were to define what the church is, how would you do it? Why?

READ and ASK: Acts 1:1-11

- In what ways did Jesus prepare and equip his apostles to continue his ministry and life on earth?
- What is significant about the fact that Jesus showed himself to the apostles and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive?
- What evidence is there that the disciples did not understand the kingdom that Jesus set up?
- The primary way that Jesus equipped the apostles was the promise of the Holy Spirit. What was going to be the result of the Holy Spirit coming on them?
- What difference would the ascension of Jesus and the promise of his return make in the ministry of the apostles?
 - o What about us?
- What truths do we learn about the church from this text?

APPLY:

- How have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of others?
 - o How have you seen it in your own life?
 - o How would you like to experience more of his power?
 - o How do we know when the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives?

- What is the importance of Jesus' final command and promise to you?

- How should the reality of Christ's return impact your life and perspective on a daily basis?

- NEXT STEP: How can you invite the Spirit to guide you this week?
 - o How did this text challenge you to live a more bold and powerful life for Jesus this week?

Memory Work:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Acts 1:8

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 2:1-41