

Community group questions
Book of Acts

Opening question: Share a time when you felt underqualified for a job you had or task you were given.

Scripture study

- How does Matthew 16:13-18 fit into the book of Acts? How does the Book of Acts fit into God's story of redemption (see Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 13:47-49)? How does it tie into the promise to Abraham to bless all people?
- Read Acts 1:1-7. What is the significance of this time Jesus spent with his disciples? How were their plans different than Jesus' plans? What instruction were they given and how is God's promise fulfilled in chapter 2? Read Acts 2:1-8, 14-15. What takes place here and what is the significance to God's continuing story? What should be true of followers of Christ that can only be explained supernaturally? How do you see that in your life?
- Read Acts 1:8-11. What is their mission and how can ordinary people carry this out? When have you seen God's power at work in your witness? What do these passages say about the Holy Spirit's role in our lives (I Corinthians 12:4-7; Galatians 5:22-25; Ephesians 5:18)? Based on these passages and what we know of the Holy Spirit, what difference should the Holy Spirit make in our lives?
- What qualities are evident in a life that cannot be explained apart from the Holy Spirit (be specific)? What would it look like for you to live each day with a greater sense of your need for His transforming presence and power?