



## #1 - "The Power, The Purpose and The Plan"

### Introduction:

- The Book of Acts Is Both \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
(see article "A Command or an Explanation"? [waipunachapel.com/church-life/life-groups](http://waipunachapel.com/church-life/life-groups))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are Not The Point Of The Book of Acts
- Luke's Intent In Writing The Book Of Acts: "So That You May Have Certainty Concerning The Things You Have Been Taught."  
[Luke 1:4](#)

*"Supernatural Events Never Anchor Anyone To Long-Term Faithfulness To Jesus Christ"*

### The Church Defined:

The Greek word translated ἐκκλησία "ekklesia" is derived from two Greek words: "ek" which means "out of" and "kaleo" which means "called out" "An Assembly Of People Called Out Around An Idea."

- The Church At Its Inception Was, Essentially, A \_\_\_\_\_ Built Around Conviction.
- Movements \_\_\_\_\_

*"Church Is Not A Place You Go To, But A Movement You Belong To."*

### The Mission Statement:

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." Acts 1:8

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Church – The Holy Spirit  
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*"The Primary Role Of The Holy Spirit Within The Godhead Is Not To Make Much Of Himself But Rather To Make Much Of Jesus."*

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me." John 15:26

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Church – To Be Witnesses  
"...when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses" Acts 1:8

*"The Primary Role Of A Witness Is Not To Do Anything But To Tell Others About What Has Already Been Done."*

- The \_\_\_\_\_ for The Church – Ever Expanding Movement  
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*"There Is No Real Ending To The Book of Acts Because The Movement Had Just Begun...  
The Revolution Continues."*

## Life Group Discussion Guide

Read Acts 1&2 -See12 Week Reading Plan

1. What, if anything, impacted you from this weekend's message?
2. In what ways did Jesus prepare and equip his apostles to continue his life and ministry on earth?
3. Why do you think it is significant that, after his death and resurrection, Jesus showed himself to his apostles and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive?
4. What evidence is there that the disciples did not understand the Kingdom that Jesus was establishing? In what ways do people still misunderstand it today?
5. Verse 8 contained the mission statement of the Book of Acts. Discuss the three elements: The Power, The Purpose and The Plan.
6. What are some ways you have seen the power of the Holy Spirit working in other people's lives?
7. Martin Lloyd-Jones uses an illustration of been "swept up" in the Father's arms and the "utter and indestructible assurance that you are loved" to describe the Holy Spirit "coming upon" you. What has been your experience of this phenomenon?
8. What do you think it means to be "a witness" for Jesus Christ? What are some of your excuses for not doing so?
9. Discuss the statement "Church is not a place you go to, but a movement you belong to."
10. Discuss ways you and your group can actively "move" the mission of Jesus forward.

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