Icebreaker:

Luke writes the Gospel of Luke and tells Paul’s life story in Acts. Who would you want to write your life story? What does that person know about you that you would like your group to know?

Read and discuss:
1. As you look back on this summer, in what way did you reflect the love and grace of Jesus?
2. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). Why do you think Jesus didn’t have the Spirit come down immediately?
3. Jesus must go so that the Holy Spirit can come. Look at these two verses and discuss what insight they give us about the Holy Spirit.
Romans 8:26
“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.”
John 14:26
“However, the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. He will remind you of everything that I have ever told you.”
4. If you were a disciple at that time, how would you have felt about Jesus leaving you?
5. At least one scholar thinks that being a witness (as seen in Acts 1:8) is the theme for the whole book of Acts. What does being a witness mean to you?
6. Do you find it easier to be a witness in Jerusalem (those near you) or to the ends of earth (those farther away)?
7. Why do you think Luke included Mary and certain women and Jesus’ brothers (in Acts 1:14) praying and meeting with the disciples?

Prayer:

It was important for the early disciples to be in prayer together (Acts 1:14). As you are praying with your group, think about how you can encourage each other, pray for each other, and help each other to be witnesses. Also, please pray for the following needs in our church family:
> Prayers of healing for Orlin Colman.
> Prayers of comfort for the Gordon family in the death of Margaret’s father and for the Bankert family in the death of Roxann’s mother.