

Series: Acts of Spirit-filled Believers
Message: Let's Get Started

January 25, 2026

Life Group Study

For week of January 25, 2026

Acts 1:1-11, 14 | Mark 1:8 | Luke 24:49 | Matthew 28:18-20

It is all about what Jesus continues to do.

Led and empowered through the Holy Spirit.

The power and ministry of Jesus flows through you and me!

His mission, our assignment.

It starts with waiting.

What do you do in the waiting?

- Pray
- Praise
- Be together with other believers

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

What first comes to mind when you hear "the Church"? Why? How can our understanding how the church began help us be the church today?

Connect to God's story

Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.

Read Luke 24:36-53.

Having read where Luke left off in his previous book, how might you describe the mood and mindset of the disciples at the beginning of Luke's second writing, Acts? What are some words Luke uses to describe how they were feeling?

Read Acts 1:1-11.

What do you think the purpose of Jesus giving his followers many convincing proofs that he was alive during the forty days after his resurrection? (Including eating with them?)

Why did Jesus tell his followers to wait for the promised Holy Spirit? Have you ever ran ahead of the Lord? If so, what was your experience?

In verse 6, why do the disciples ask Jesus a question about restoring the kingdom of Israel? How does Jesus redirect this question? How can the times Jesus redirect questions help us understand what is more important? Has he ever redirected the questions you ask him?

In verse 8 we see the purpose, power and destiny of the church, in fact it contains an outline of the entire book of Acts. What comes to mind when you think of being a "witness"? How do you feel about sharing your story about what Jesus has done in and through you with others?

What is one thing you could tell someone else about what Jesus has done in your life? What can make this difficult? How can we encourage each other to share our "God Stories" about what Jesus has done and is doing through us?

In this passage we also see our common power source, the Holy Spirit. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering you to do what he desires?

What practical steps do you think the Holy Spirit is prompting you to take in response to what we've read today? *Spend some time praying for the Spirit's leading and power in the mission Jesus has given to us as His church.*

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)