**YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES**

Acts 1:1-14

Key verse 8

**“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.”**

1. What did the author Luke write about in his former book (1-2)? What did the Risen Jesus do before his ascension (3)? What might Jesus’ main concern during this time and why? How is Jesus’ resurrection related to the kingdom of God?

2. What did Jesus command his apostles, and why (4a; Lk 24:47)? What promise did Jesus remind them of (4b-5)? Why might the apostles need to be baptized by the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:18-20; 15:26-27)?

3. Read verses 6-8. How did the apostles reveal their own hope and expectations (6)? In verses 7-8, What exhortation, promise and mission did Jesus give to His disciples? What remarkable plan and vision did Jesus reveal for all people, especially for His disciples? (Mt 28:18-20, Mk16:15-16, Gen12:2-3, Ex 19:5-6) How can we live as a witness of Jesus?

4. What is the meaning of Jesus’ ascension? (9, Jn 16:7,Acts 2:33,36) What promise did God give to the apostles through the angel? (10-11) How did the Apostles prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit? (12-14) What is the significance of constant, united prayer?

5. From this Bible Study, what plans, hopes, visions or promises might God give you for the New Year 2025?