

## Connection Group Questions

For the week of May 17, 2026

### This Week's Message: "*Christ's Mission Continues*"

Passages: Acts 1:1-26

The following questions for discussion are designed to help move the Sunday morning teaching to a deeper place in the lives of those who hear it.

#### Getting-To-Know-Me Question

1. If you could take a trip somewhere far away, where would you go? Why?

#### Into-The-Bible Questions

2. **As a group, read Acts 1:1-26. Consider the details and the overlap with the last chapter of Luke's Gospel.**

- What stands out to you from this opening chapter of Acts?
- How does this book pick up where Luke 24:25-53 left off?

3. **In vv. 1-3, Luke addresses Theophilus similarly to how he addresses Theophilus at the beginning of the Gospel of Luke.**

- Read Luke 1:1-4 and compare those verses to Acts 1:1-3.
- What are some similarities? What are some differences?
- Who is Theophilus?

4. **In vv. 4-11, Jesus reminds the apostles of the Father's promised Holy Spirit and instructs them concerning their mission before ascending to His throne in Heaven.**

- What do the disciples expect will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit? Look at Ezekiel 39:27-29, Luke 19:11, Matthew 19:28 to better understand their assumptions and expectations they might have had.
- According to verse 7, what is not for Christ's disciples to know? What did we learn in Daniel 11:27, 29, and 35 about "the appointed time"? Is anything outside of God's sovereignty?
- According to Jesus, what is the mission? What kind of power does this mission require? Where does the mission begin and where will it end?
- How does Acts 1:8 compare to Luke 24:46-49?
- As a follower of Christ Jesus, what impact do Jesus' words in verse 8 have on you? What about His departure in verse 9? The angels' promise in verse 11?

**5. In vv. 12-26, we see a group of believers obeying Christ, united in prayer, and willingly following the leadership of Peter.**

- What has changed the apostles' doubts and denials, led Jesus' siblings to believe in Him, and unified people from many different backgrounds and relationships to Jesus?
- Do you see a correlation between divine promises and prayer?
- How did Peter take leadership of the early Christians after Jesus' ascension? What was guiding him?
- What did Peter propose to do about the vacancy left by Judas? Who is named to replace him?

**Application Questions**

6. What steps can you take to be actively involved in telling others about Christ? What specific means (abilities, opportunities, relationships) has God given you to carry out the task of being His witness?
7. When you talk to a non believing friend about Jesus, what proofs of Jesus' existence can you offer? How do you explain the effects of the Resurrection to them?
8. What is one way you can include God in all important decisions you make?
9. How is praying with others for a shared mission—especially one beyond our natural ability—different from praying privately about individual concerns?

**How Your Group Can Be Praying This Week**

Pray that the Lord would empower us, both individually and as a church body, to boldly witness to the grace and mercy of the Father, the salvation found in the Son, and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

Ask the Lord to provide you opportunities to be His witness among friends and coworkers, and for the faith and joy to obey Him. Pray that the Lord would grant favor and success as we seek to expand the Kingdom of God through faithful witness.