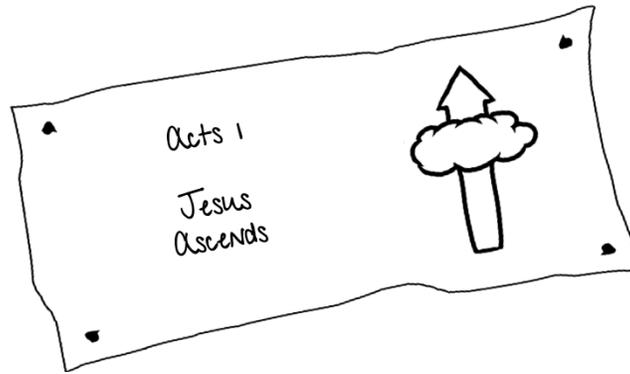


Home Church Worship Guide

Acts 1



SEGMENT 1

Refocused Submission (Patterned after 1 Corinthians 11:17-22)

- Begin by discussing the various areas of Christ's life that He surrendered to do the will of the Father and relate them to the areas of surrender we must develop.

SEGMENT 2

Inspired Instruction (Patterned after 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- Read Acts 1 (Suggestion: Involve everyone. Take turns reading.)
- Ask each person to memorize the chapter theme by using the picture clue provided. (Suggestion: It is often helpful to have participants draw the picture clue.)
- Use the following questions for discussion:
 1. Why do you think God had them wait over a week after the ascension for the promise? (1:4)
 2. What might be the significance of clouds during Jesus' ascension and second coming? (1:9-11)
 3. What might they have been praying for while in the upper room? (1:12-14)
 4. Why was it significant that the candidate be with them from the baptism of John to the ascension? (1:21-23)
 5. What might have been the process of casting lots? (1:24-26)

SEGMENT 3

Convicted Application (Patterned after 1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

- Ask each person to quote a favorite Bible verse, and explain what it means to them
- Explain the significance of the body and blood of Jesus being offered on the cross and have someone lead a prayer thanking God for the sacrifice of His Son.
- Pass out the unleavened bread and ask each person to take a moment of silence to examine themselves and meditate on the sacrificed body of Jesus. Do the same for the grape juice.
- If there is a current need in the church or community, participants can be encouraged to pool their money to help.
- Ask each person to explain how this Bible study impacted their life and tell of a way they plan to live it out in the coming week.

Conclusion

- Make a prayer list. Be sure to include time for offering confessions of spiritual weakness.
- Ask each person to read the chapter for next time.
- Offer a final prayer.