



Week Four

CONNECT

- How do you feel when you help meet a friend, family or co-workers needs?

WORD

Acts 1:4-8

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized you with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?” 7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit falls on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

THOUGHT

After Jesus was raised from the dead he wanted to give his disciples a gift that was promised to them, Joel 2:28-29. Before Jesus ascended into heaven to be with the Father, He knew the obstacles that these men and women were going to face. He knew they needed to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do great works for the Lord.

DISCUSSION

1. What do the disciples think will happen when they receive the Holy Spirit? (v6) How does their idea of the kingdom differ from Jesus'? (v7 and 8)

2. What is a witness? Why would you need power to do this?

3. How would you explain the effects of the resurrection of Jesus to your friends?

4. What is your Jerusalem or Judea that you are reaching out to?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Ask god to give you power to witness in your sphere of influence.
- Ask God for wisdom, boldness and strategy to influence the culture around you.

PRAYER

- Pray and ask God to give you the opportunities to be a witness this week.
- Pray, ask god to reach out to not only your sphere of influence, but to those far off in "Samaria and to the ends of the earth"