



## Week 1 | September 16 Sermon

### Welcome to GROUPS at Third Church!

Our hope is that as you take a deeper dive into the Sunday sermons together in community, you will grow more together and towards Jesus.

This Acts series will be our focus for the 2018-2019 ministry year, running from mid-September 2018 through July 2019 with breaks for more traditional teachings for Advent and Lent. Both Sanctuary and Auditorium will teach on the same text each week, resulting in two great sets of questions from two great teachers most weeks! This week, we will be simulcasting, so just one set of questions. Each week's discussion guide will also have a section focused on community. Enjoy spending time getting to know the people around you in deeper ways!

Gather your people, and let's focus on Kingdom Sending together!



### Community::

Start to get to know each other in the GROUP by doing basic introductions. People will come into the GROUP at various points of willingness to share. Consider using a fun question to help bring out more of who each person really IS, not just what they DO. Some examples include:

- What is something that is guaranteed to make you smile every time?
- What is your favorite season and why?
- Hugs or high fives?
- What are you celebrating right now? *coupled with* What's hard for you right now?
- You come home to your living room full, floor to ceiling, of avocados; what do you do?

Or use your LIFE cards to spur discussion! If you don't have a deck, they are at The Welcome Center for you! If your GROUPS isn't a new GROUP, continue getting to know one another

## Discussion Questions::

Title:: History's Most Powerful Prayer Meeting

Teacher:: Kevin Korver

Text:: Acts 1

Please read Acts 1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to pay attention to? Why might this be important to you, and to other believers, in the coming week?

Please note that in 1:1 the text reads, "...all that Jesus began to do and to teach..." Kevin suggested that in Acts, "doing the Kingdom" often preceded "teaching the Kingdom." Is this your experience or practice? Is it ours? Why might this be important for us to consider in the next year?

Most scholars believe Acts 1:8 is the key verse in the book of Acts. Do you agree? Why/why not? If you agree, how have you obeyed Jesus' command in the past 6 months?

Please respond to Kevin's study/bullet points from Chapter 1. Which resonate most with you? Why?

- Word and deed go together
- Deed regularly come before Word
- Jesus used the Spirit's power
- Jesus taught (again) about the Kingdom of God
- Wait for the Promise...but not forever
- Power for witness
- The Spirit baptizes
- Power received is for witness
- Unity
- Prayer
- Betrayal
- Response and its impact

If possible, would each of you pray for yourself while the others agree in the Spirit with you? Please invite all to pray for the "more" that the Lord Jesus promises.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

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