

“Unfinished”
Acts 1
Sermon date 4/12/2026

Ice breaker

- 1) Think of a team, family or community you’ve been part of, what made you feel like you truly belonged there?

Unpack It

What stood out to you from Sunday’s sermon and why? What was a takeaway or something that left you wondering about?

Looking Back

Acts 1 serves as the bridge between the life of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke and the birth of the early Church. Written by Luke, this book is addressed to Theophilus and continues the story after Jesus’ resurrection. Over a period of forty days, Jesus appears to His disciples, teaching them about the Kingdom of God and preparing them for what comes next. The central promise in this chapter is that the Holy Spirit will come upon them, empowering them to be witnesses “to the ends of the earth.” This marks a shift from Jesus’ physical presence to His spiritual presence through the Spirit. The disciples are still trying to understand what this means. They ask if Jesus will restore the kingdom to Israel, revealing their expectation of a political Messiah. Instead, Jesus redirects them toward a global mission and calls them to wait in Jerusalem. After His ascension, the disciples return to prayerful dependence, gathering together in unity. The chapter closes with the selection of Matthias to replace Judas, emphasizing the importance of faithful witness and the continuity of leadership as the Church prepares for its next chapter.

Diving In

Read together: Acts 1

Diving Deeper

- 1) What does Jesus mean when He says, “You will receive power...” How is that power different from what we usually think of as power?
- 2) Why is waiting such a central part of this chapter? What might God be doing in seasons of waiting?

- 3) Acts 1:14 says they were “all joined together constantly in prayer.” What do you think made that kind of unity possible among such different people?
- 4) This group included the apostles, women, Mary (Jesus’ mother), and Jesus’ brothers. Why is that diversity significant, and what does it teach us about unity in the Church today?
- 5) How do you think shared experiences with Jesus shaped their ability to stay united after He ascended? What parallels can we draw for believers now?
- 6) If unity was essential before the Holy Spirit came in Acts 2, why do you think it mattered so much? What might that say about how God works through unified people?
- 7) What is one small, practical way you could be unified in your small group this week?

Closing It Out

1. Begin with gratitude:
“Jesus, thank You for Your faithfulness, Your resurrection, and Your promise to be with us through Your Spirit.”
2. Surrender control:
“Father, we release our timelines, expectations, and need to understand everything. Help us trust You in the waiting.”
3. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s power:
“Holy Spirit, fill us anew. Give us courage, clarity, and compassion to be Your witnesses in our daily lives.”
4. Pray for mission:
“Open our eyes to the people around us who need hope. Use us right where we are to reflect Your love.”
5. Close in unity:
“Make us one, as Your people. Teach us to walk together in prayer, encouragement, and purpose. Amen.”