

Part 1

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Acts

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former days, I wrote about all the things I did and to teach until the day I was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was with them, he gave them the promise of the Holy Spirit, which he had promised to the fathers. He said to them, "I have testified to you all that I have done from the beginning to the end. Now I am going to the Father, but I will send the Holy Spirit to you, just as the Father has sent me. He will teach you all that you need to know and will remind you of everything I have said to you." After saying this, he looked up to heaven and was taken into the clouds. Two men in white robes stood by him and said to him, "We are here with you, and we will go with you to Jerusalem. You will witness to the Jews and the Gentiles about the kingdom of God. You will also suffer for the kingdom, but you will receive what you have promised. I will send you the Holy Spirit, just as the Father has sent me. He will teach you all that you need to know and will remind you of everything I have said to you." After saying this, he looked up to heaven and was taken into the clouds. Two men in white robes stood by him and said to him, "We are here with you, and we will go with you to Jerusalem. You will witness to the Jews and the Gentiles about the kingdom of God. You will also suffer for the kingdom, but you will receive what you have promised. I will send you the Holy Spirit, just as the Father has sent me. He will teach you all that you need to know and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

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THE NEW CHURCH

ACTS 1:1-11

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THE NEW LEADERSHIP

ACTS 1:12-26

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THE NEW GIFT

ACTS 2:1-21

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THE NEW BELIEVERS

ACTS 2:22-41

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Read: Acts 1:1–11

Icebreaker

What is one time in life when you found yourself asking, “What now?”
(it can be a funny or serious situation!)

Invitation

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to speak)

- Jesus told the disciples to wait for the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5). How do you normally respond when God asks you to wait?
- Is there an area of your life right now where you are asking God, “What now?”
- Jesus gave the disciples a mission bigger than they expected (Acts 1:8). What might God be inviting you into in this season?

Conviction

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to bring awareness and change)

- The disciples wanted their own version of God’s kingdom plan (Acts 1:6). Have you ever wanted God to follow your timeline or expectations?
- Pastor Sheron shared that we can miss what God is doing when we are focused on our own plans. Where might this be true for you?
- When life feels uncertain, do you tend to trust God, control things yourself, or withdraw? Why?

Surrender

(Being willing to lay down our lives)

- Instead of creating their own strategy, the early believers gathered constantly in prayer (Acts 1:14). What does surrender through prayer look like for you right now?
- What burden, disappointment, or unanswered prayer do you need to place into God's hands?
- What would it look like this week to depend more on the Holy Spirit than on your own strength?

Belief

(Embedding truth and seeing discipleship change)

- Jesus promised, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8). How does that truth encourage you today?
- The mission of God continued through ordinary people filled with the Holy Spirit. How does that shape the way you see yourself?
- Pastor Sheron said, 'Seasons may change, but the mission of God never changes'. What truth do you need to hold onto in this season?
- What is one step of faith you can take this week as a witness for Jesus where God has placed you?

Pray for one another:

- Fresh filling of the Holy Spirit
- Trust in seasons of uncertainty
- Courage to follow God's mission
- Breakthrough in personal prayer requests
- Faith to live as His witnesses this week

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Read: Acts 1:12–26

Icebreaker

Who is someone whose leadership has positively impacted your life, and why?

Invitation

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to speak)

- The disciples gathered together and were constantly united in prayer (Acts 1:14). What stands out to you about how they responded in uncertainty?
- Edmond shared that prayer transformed a diverse group of people into one body. How might God be inviting you deeper into prayer in this season?
- Is there an area of your life where God may be inviting you to seek Him first rather than rushing to solutions?

Conviction

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to bring awareness and change)

- Before this moment, the disciples often argued about who was greatest. What does that reveal about the human heart?
- In times of uncertainty, do you tend to push your own agenda, withdraw, or seek unity? Why?
- Edmond said unity requires intentional effort (Ephesians 4:3). Are there relationships, attitudes, or habits that may be hindering unity in your life?

Surrender

(Being willing to lay down our lives)

- The disciples laid aside personal preferences and trusted Jesus to guide their next step. What preference or control do you need to surrender to God right now?
- Peter responded with courage and truth instead of fear. Where is God calling you to trust Him and move forward in faith?
- What would it look like for you this week to choose prayerful dependence over self-reliance?

Belief

(Embedding truth and seeing discipleship change)

- The early church was built through ordinary people surrendered to an extraordinary God. How does that encourage you personally?
- Edmond said what is needed is not extraordinary talent, but faithfulness and trust. How does that reshape the way you view serving God?
- The disciples trusted Scripture to guide them when they did not know the future. What truth from God's Word do you need to hold onto today?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to represent Jesus to everyone, everywhere, with everything?

Pray for one another:

- Greater unity in the church and relationships
- A deeper life of prayer
- Courage to trust God's leading
- Faithfulness in serving where God has placed us
- Confidence that God uses ordinary people for His purposes

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Read: Acts 2:1-21

Icebreaker

Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt weak or unsure—but something changed everything? What happened?

Invitation

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to speak)

- The disciples were waiting and uncertain, when the Holy Spirit came (Acts 2:1–4). What stands out to you about how God met them in that moment?
- Clem shared that God doesn't wait for us to be strong before He moves. Where might God be inviting you to come to Him as you are today?
- The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples for God's mission (Acts 2:8). What might the Holy Spirit be inviting you into in this season?

Conviction

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to bring awareness and change)

- Before Pentecost, Peter was fearful and denied Jesus, yet later he became bold. Where do fear or insecurity hold you back in your faith?
- Do you ever feel like you need to be "stronger" or "better" before God can use you? Why?
- Clem said our weakness is not a barrier but often the place where God begins. How does that challenge your current mindset?

Surrender

(Being willing to lay down our lives)

- The disciples positioned themselves in prayer and received what God had promised. What area of your life do you need to surrender more fully to the Holy Spirit?
- Ephesians 5:18 calls us to “be filled with the Spirit.” What might it look like for you to live a life that is continually surrendered and filled?
- Are there areas of your life that you’ve taken back control of from God? What would it look like to release them again?

Belief

(Embedding truth and seeing discipleship change)

- The same Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost is available to us today. How does that truth encourage you personally?
- Clem shared that being filled with the Spirit is for everyone, not just a few. Do you truly believe that includes you? Why or why not?
- The evidence of the Holy Spirit is a transformed life (Galatians 5). Where have you seen growth in your life? Where is God still working?
- What is one step you can take this week to rely on the Holy Spirit’s power rather than your own strength?

Pray for one another:

- To be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit
- Courage to step out in faith despite weakness
- Greater surrender in every area of life
- Boldness to share Jesus and make disciples
- Transformation that reflects the fruit of the Spirit

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Read: Acts 2:22-41 (NIV)

Icebreaker

What is something difficult you've had to push through in life that changed you on the other side?

INVITATION

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to speak)

- Peter's sermon centred on Jesus' death and resurrection. What stands out to you most about the gospel message in this passage?
- Duc described conviction as the "birth canal" moment — uncomfortable, confronting, but leading to life. Have you experienced a moment where God deeply confronted your heart?
- The crowd responded by asking, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). What area of your life might God be inviting you to respond to right now?

CONVICTION

(Allowing the Holy Spirit to bring awareness and change)

- Peter tells the crowd, "you crucified" Jesus (Acts 2:23, 36). Why is it important to recognise our own sin personally rather than seeing ourselves as bystanders?
- Are there areas in your life where you've become numb, defensive, or resistant to the Holy Spirit's conviction?

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SURRENDER

(Being willing to lay down our lives)

- Peter calls the people to “repent and be baptised” (Acts 2:38). What do you think true repentance looks like beyond simply feeling sorry?
- What is God asking you to leave behind or surrender in this season?
- Duc shared about keeping a soft heart before God, even after repeated failure. What helps you remain open and honest before God instead of hiding in guilt or shame?

BELIEF

(Embedding truth and seeing discipleship change)

- Duc said, “In losing our lives to Christ, we find it again.” Where have you experienced new life, freedom, or transformation through surrendering to Jesus?
- What is one practical way you can live a life of ongoing repentance and dependence on Jesus this week?

Prayer Together

Pray for one another:

- Soft hearts that respond to the Holy Spirit
- Courage to repent and surrender fully to Jesus
- Freedom from guilt, shame, and hidden sin
- Greater understanding of God’s grace and forgiveness
- Boldness to share the simple gospel with others