



The American church is struggling. The culture has become hostile toward Christianity. Financially we are not as secure as we used to be. And many people view the church as irrelevant. Yet the answer is not some new program or improved way of doing ministry – we need revival! We desperately need to experience the power and presence of God. In the book of Acts we learn that the only way for this to happen is by depending upon God together in prayer. So, if you're ready for a fresh encounter with God, come learn to pray together and expect him to do great things.

**Discussion Questions:** (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. During this series through the book of Acts will you commit to read through the book of Acts at least once? If so, take note of the number of times they prayed and what happened as a result (If you've already done this, what did you discover?).
2. Read Acts 1-2:41. In Acts 1:8 what did Jesus tell his disciples? In Acts 1:12-14 how did they respond? How did God answer their prayers in Acts 2:1-4? In Acts 2:41, how did 3000 of the Jews gathered for Pentecost respond to their bold witness?
3. From this passage we learn this principle: **when those who are called to be witnesses for Christ and his kingdom depend on him in prayer together, they are filled with the power and presence of God to boldly witness for him.** So why pray together? To be filled with the power we need to be witnesses for Christ and his kingdom. Are you a Christ-follower? If so, you have been called to be a witness for Christ and his kingdom. Do you believe that this is your primary calling? What happens if you lose sight of this?
4. To be witnesses for Christ and his kingdom we need his power. On a scale of 1-10 (1-not dependent and 10- completely dependent), how dependent are you on God's power to be his witness? Does your prayer life reflect this? Explain.
5. When you become a Christ-follower the Holy Spirit lives in you (Ephesians 1:13). Yet since we sin we need to keep being filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18) to be his bold witnesses. If you are not experiencing the power and presence of God, could it be that you have grieved the Holy Spirit by not witnessing when you have had the opportunities? Confess and repent of this and ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit to make you a bold witness for Christ and his kingdom.