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## WARM UP

What is your favourite movie of all time? Did you like the way it ended? Why or why not?

## WORD

Read **Acts 1:1-10**

Luke writes the book of Acts as a continuation from his gospel book, aptly called, "Luke". He starts from the end of Jesus' life here on earth and shares what takes place with his early followers. In Acts 1, we read about the final instructions that Jesus gives his followers.

## NOTES

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## 1 Fixed by His Own Authority

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<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

**Acts 1:6-7** (ESV)

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Jesus is asked by his disciples when he plans to restore the Kingdom of Israel. He answers that they don't need to know the timing, but to trust in the authority of God, as he holds perfect timing for his promises and plans within his hand.

- Have you ever had to trust in God despite you not having all the answers? If you have, what was it like? If you haven't, would you be willing to trust him with everything? Why or why not?
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## 2 You Will Receive Power

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<sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>8a</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you

**Acts 1:5,8** (ESV)

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- Have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? If so, what happened? If not, would you like to?
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## 3 Witness

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<sup>8b</sup>and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**Acts 1:8** (ESV)

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The Holy Spirits' power exists with a purpose - for us to be his witnesses. Firstly in Jerusalem (our immediate sphere of influence - e.g. family, close friends), Judea (people within the culture God has called you to impact), Samaria (those who are on the periphery of community, marginalised, disenfranchised), to the ends of the earth (those from other cultures that aren't your own).

- What is your definition of "witness" in this context?
  - Based on what you have learned from this passage, how do you think you've been effective as a witness for Christ? Why or why not?
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### PRAYER

- Pray for opportunities to grow as a disciple of Christ, and grow in the capacity to grow others towards Jesus.
- Pray for opportunities to be a consistent witness.
- Pray for one another - that God would reveal what is next as we grow as a church. Pray for leaders to arise in this season.