



Participant's Guide

Week of February 5

Getting Started

1. What are your initial thoughts on the book of Acts? What do you know about it?
 2. What do you hope to learn through a study in the book of Acts?
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Digging In

1. Read **Acts 1:1-3**. Do you think you tend to follow Jesus' works more or his words? Another way of

asking this is do you tend more toward 'truth' or 'grace?'

2. Read **Acts 1:4-8**. What is the power of the Holy Spirit?
 3. Read **Acts 1:9-11**. Recall that Jesus told his disciples in **Matt. 28** "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." Did Jesus lie? Why/why not?
 4. Where did Jesus go? Where is he today? What is he doing?
 5. Why was the church given the Holy Spirit?
 6. What is the mission of the church?
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Looking Around

1. Jesus was able to do the things he did on this earth because he was empowered by the Holy Spirit. If Christians have the same Holy Spirit empowering them, what stops them from living like Jesus?
2. What steps do you need to take to be less self-reliant and more Spirit-empowered?

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3. What sort of things does a church do when it is following the mission of Jesus?
4. What would Southern Gables need to do to more closely follow the mission? What do you need to do in your life to support that mission?

Pray

Challenge yourself to pray directly to the Holy Spirit for his guidance, gifts, and vision for your life, for Southern Gables, and for the church worldwide.