

Acts  
Power for the Priority  
Acts 1:1-5

I. Foundation (Acts 1:1-5; cf Luke 1:1-4; 24:36-53)

A. Jesus' Words and Works

1. Timing
2. Power
3. Delegates
4. Priority
5. Action Orientation
6. Evangelistic (and Assurance of Salvation)

B. The Holy Spirit's Prominent Role

1. Promised Coming
2. Direction/Guidance
3. Baptism
4. Empowerment

II. Key Points

- A. The ministry is still one of the words and works of Jesus
- B. The ministry is now delegated to Jesus' disciples as witnesses
- C. The ministry is only possible with direction from and empowerment by the Holy Spirit

III. Takeaways

- A. Ensure that the ministry you've been given aligns with the words and works of Jesus
- B. Recognize that you are part of Jesus' team, and have been called into action
- C. Rely on the Holy Spirit's direction and power through His filling, God's Word and prayer

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Go Forward

1. Take time to pray about and meditate on the three takeaways above. One way to ensure your life and ministry aligns with the words and works of Jesus is to become more familiar with them. Read through some/all of the Gospel of Luke this week. It will give you a better understanding not only of what Jesus said and did, but it will also set up the book of Acts as we're just now getting into it.
2. As you look through the Gospel of Luke, also pay attention to the direction and power of the Holy Spirit in that book. See the following specific passages: Luke 1:15, 35, 41, 67; 2:25-27; 3:16, 22; 4:1, 14, 18; 10:21; 11:9-13; 12:8-12; 24:49.
3. For "extra credit", read through our passage for next week (Acts 1:6-26) in order to prepare your heart for what God wants to teach you from it.