

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION - \***

**Prepared for witness – Acts 1**

**Read Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-3**

1. What reasoning does Luke give for writing? What specifically has Luke provided for Theophilus so that he might have certainty of the truth?
2. Why do you think it is significant that Luke writes about ‘things being fulfilled’ (or accomplished) in Luke 1:1? How does this help us understand the Old Testament?
3. How does Luke consider the book of Acts to be related to his Gospel (Acts 1:1-2)?

**Read Acts 1:4-8**

4. Acts 1:8 (cf Luke 24:44-49) establishes the plan for what will unfold throughout the book of Acts. Look at the map at the end of this study. What do you notice about Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth as a geographical pattern? Why do you think Luke is telling us this?
5. What does this tell us about the gospel?
6. How can we be involved in the advance of the gospel both personally and as a church? How will this affect your giving, praying and the way you live your life? Pray this term for two people that you would like the gospel to come to.
7. What are the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for? What will this equip them to do? Jesus makes it clear that the apostles’ ministry can only be effective through the Holy Spirit (cf Acts 1:4-5, 8). What does this suggest about our own need to have the Holy Spirit fill and equip us for ministry?

**Read Acts 1:9-11**

8. Where is Jesus now?
9. Luke records the ascension in vv. 9-11. The ascension marks Jesus’ enthronement in heaven, at the right hand of God, from where he rules over the Kingdom of God. Why is this important for Jesus and us?
10. What is v.11 referring to and why is it important?
11. How would you describe God’s kingdom?
12. Try and draw a diagram of the Kingdom of God.
  - a. What resources does Jesus give us to live in this period of overlap, where the age to come has begun but is not fully revealed and the present age continues?
13. How does the choice of Matthias in vv. 24-26 show that even though Jesus is ascended he is still in control?
14. Why do you think that v26 is the last time a lot is cast in the New Testament? How might the timing of the event (ie Jesus has departed to heaven and his Spirit has not yet been given) affect your answer?

\* - These questions are derived in part from studies prepared by St John’s Anglican Church Shaughnessy, Canada.