



# *IN*POWERED *DISCIPLES*HIP

*An Inductive Study of Acts*

**INpowered Disciples**  
Acts 1:1-26

# Prologue

<sup>1</sup>I wrote **the first narrative**, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (Act 1:1-3)



# Plop Plop, Fizz Fizz

**Would Alka-Seltzer  
work if you dropped  
the packet into the  
water?**



# Powerful Promise

**"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."** (Luke 24:48-49)

**<sup>4</sup>While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days."** (Acts 1:4-5)

# Misunderstood

**<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him,  
“Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel  
at this time?” (Act 1:6)**

- **The disciples are still confused about Jesus' ministry, expecting Him to overthrow Rome.**
- **They were concerned about those with political power over them.**
- **Jesus tells them about a much greater power, which they were about to receive.**

## ***IN**powered Discipleship!*

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# Power

***Dunamin:*** From the Greek root word *dunamis*, it means mighty ability, miraculous power.

*It is the root word of our English words dynamite, dynamo, and dynamic.*

- **Why did they need such power?**
- **Why was it given?**

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# Witnesses

***Matures*** (mar-toos) in the Greek means to be a witness (literally, judicially or figuratively).

*It calls to mind one who bears “witness” to what he has seen or heard or knows.*

**The Book of Acts records the spread of the gospel in Jerusalem and to Judea, Samaria, Europe, Africa and Asia.**

# Epilogue

**<sup>9</sup>After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**

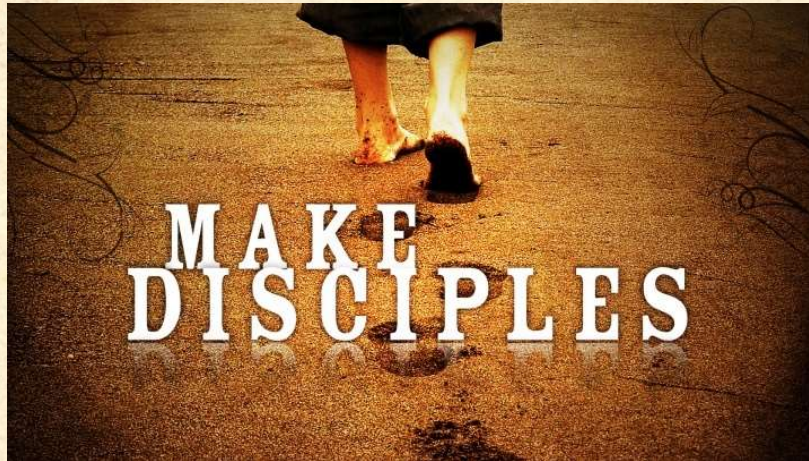
**<sup>10</sup>While he was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them.**

**<sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven.” (Act 1:9-11)**



# *Internally Powered*

- Created for the same purpose – to transfer power
- Designed for different applications, different tasks
- External power source, internal storage
- Dysfunctional without power
- Worthless unless used
- Dangerous if misused



# *IN*powered

- Come in different shapes & sizes – don't look alike
- Created for a purpose – to make disciples
- Uniquely designed and equipped for the task
- Internally powered – we can do nothing on our own
- Some are fully charged, and some are dead
- Some remain in the original wrapper, unused

# *IN*powered

Christians are not only empowered to “do something,” they are also inpowered to “be something!”

 **em·pow·er**  
/əm'pou(ə)r/

verb

past tense: **empowered**; past participle: **empowered**

give (someone) the authority or power to do something.

"nobody was empowered to sign checks on her behalf"

Similar: authorize license entitle permit allow sanction warrant ▼

- make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights.  
"movements to empower the poor"

Similar: emancipate unyoke unfetter unshackle unchain set free ▼

# WITNESSES!

*IN*powered Discipleship!

*Disciples Making Disciples*

# ***IN**powered* ***DISCIPLESHIP***

- **Unlike most batteries, Christians are not disposable!**
- **We have an infinite source of renewable power!**
- **Fully charged (INpowered) Christians transformed the world!**
- **The Book of Acts is chockfull of exciting examples!**
- **I can't wait to see what God does among us!**
- **Make sure your batteries are fully charged!**
- **The world awaits!**

# *IN*powered *DISCIPLESHIP*

