

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY – PARTICIPANTS’ NOTES

Acts 1:1-9

Thank you for taking the time to download this small group Bible study from London City Mission. We pray that you find it deepens your relationship with the Holy Spirit and helps empower you further for mission.

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Warm up questions:

What do you think is the purpose of the Church?
How is your church a blessing to your locality?

Acts 1:1-9

We are going to focus on Acts 1:1-9. This study contains two sorts of questions:

- Questions that focus on the Bible passage to help us listen to what the Holy Spirit inspired Luke to write.
- Questions that will encourage us to think about what we have read and apply it to our situation today.

Read Acts 1:1-9

Acts 1:8: Questions

- *What* is Jesus calling the apostles to be?
- *Where* is Jesus telling them to go?
- *Who* will enable them to be and do what he is asking of them?

To think about

What is the mission of the church today?
Who are we called to be? Where is Jesus telling us to go? How can we be and do what he is asking of us?

Acts 1:1-3: Questions

Look at the way Luke summarises the story of Jesus in his ‘first volume’ (former book) to Theophilus.

- As witnesses to Jesus, and to all God has done

through Jesus, what are the apostles to tell the people?

- As ambassadors of King Jesus, what can they expect to experience?

To think about

When the apostles were doing this Jesus was ‘front-page’ news. How can we continue this work today when so many have written off Christianity as outdated and irrelevant?

Where and when are people willing to listen to the story of Jesus today?

Acts 1:3b-5: Questions

According to the gospels, what did Jesus spend his time doing and talking about after he was baptised by John? According to Acts, what did the apostles spend their time doing and talking about after they were baptised by the Holy Spirit?

To think about

Where is the presence of the Holy Spirit evident in your church?

What might you expect to see happening?

What could you do to see more of the Holy Spirit's presence in your church?

In what ways is the Holy Spirit enabling or calling us to continue the mission of Jesus and the apostles in word and deed?

To round up

What is the Lord calling us as a church/church small group to focus on?

What should we be praying for?

Let us pray ‘**Come Holy Spirit**’, that we may...

**Where and when are people
willing to listen to the ‘story
of Jesus’ today?**