

**Mission Minded**  
**Discussion Time**  
**September 2, 2018**  
**Acts 1:8**

Scripture Focus: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."  
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Opening Prayer Focus: Pray that God's Spirit will help us to focus on the missions He calls us to. Pray that we will grow stronger and better witnesses for Christ each in our own special way. Pray that God will open our eyes to who else He might be calling us, as individuals, as families, and as a church family, to reach out and touch in new ways.

Read Acts 1:1-8

In this first chapter of Acts, Paul tells us that Jesus, after resurrecting from the dead, has been walking the earth for forty days and is now preparing to ascend into Heaven. And so, He reminds them of the promise that He made in John 14 that when He went away to Heaven to prepare our eternal home for us, where we will live with Him forever...He says that when He leaves He won't leave us without a comforter. And that comforter that Jesus speaks of is the Holy Spirit.

Things to Discuss:

- What kinds of strengths might the Holy Spirit give us to help us to be better witnesses (telling others about Jesus) and missionaries (working to help others in need while spreading the Good News about Jesus) for Him?
- What reasons or excuses have you used for not doing mission work to help others in the past? And how can we or how have we overcome that?
- What times in your life do you think your conscience (or small voice inside you telling you what you should do) was really the Holy Spirit leading you to do something, or giving you the courage you needed to do something?
- What new ways do you feel, as we're having this discussion, that God is leading you to witness for Him or to help others?

Closing Prayer: Pray that God will open our eyes to whoever else He might be calling, us as individuals, as families, and as a church family, to reach out and touch in new ways. Finally, pray and ask God in what ways we have become our own stumbling blocks for being the witnesses and missionaries that He has called us to be.