**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ACTS – LESSON 1**

**Acts 1:1-26**

**September 17, 2020**

1. What are your personal goals for this year’s study?
2. Share something you learned about the book of Acts in the introductory lecture.

3. a. The book of Acts is considered to be the sequel to the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:3). To whom were both books written?

 b. Have you ever written a letter to anyone about Jesus? If so, please share why you were motivated to write and the results of your letter.

4. a. Jesus appeared to His chosen ones over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days and gave many “convincing proofs” He was alive. From your Bible knowledge, what were some of those “proofs?” (Give Scripture reference)

 b. What “convincing proof” led you to acknowledge and accept Jesus as your risen Lord?

5. a. In verses 4-5, what was Jesus’ . . .

 . . . command?

 . . . promise?

 b. What had John the Baptist foretold in Matthew 3:11?

6. a. Jesus spoke to His followers (vs. 3) about the kingdom of God. What did . . .

 . . . the disciples ask in verse 6?

 . . . Jesus answer in verse 7?

 b. What do you learn about . . .

 . . . the spiritual kingdom of God in Luke 17:20, 21?

 . . . the literal kingdom of God in Zechariah 14:1-9?

7. a. According to Acts 1:8, the baptism of the Holy Spirit would give Jesus’ followers what?

 b. What were the disciples to become?

 c. Why do you think Jesus told them to “start where they were” (Jerusalem) before expanding their ministry and what application is there for us today in His instructions?

 d. What do you think is the biggest fear a Christian has when he is a witness?

 e. Share one Scripture you could claim to overcome that fear.

8. a. In verses 9-11, identify two major doctrines of the Christian faith.

 b. The two men (angels) had promised that Christ would return. What was the disciples state of mind as they returned to Jerusalem according to Luke 24:50-52?

 c. How are you anticipating Christ’s return?

9. Besides the apostles gathered in the upper room, what woman is specifically mentioned?

10. Peter saw the betrayal of Jesus by Judas as what?

11. a. What specific qualifications were necessary for Judas’ successor (vs. 21, 22)?

 b. Which two men were “nominated”?

 c. How was the selection made?

12. Peter prayed for God’s will in their decision. Share a time of important decision in your life when prayer, or lack of it, made a difference.

13. The book of Acts is a record of the actions of first century Christians. What “act” or actions will you undertake this week to show you are a living witness for Jesus Christ? Please share.