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## Acts 1:1-8 - It's All about the Power

The book of Acts is the sequel to the gospel of Luke. Both books were written by Luke to a man named Theophilus to give an accurate account of the historical events before (Luke) and after (Acts) the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this passage Luke is restating the Great Commission challenge that Jesus gave at the end of Luke, when Jesus commanded his disciples to spread the gospel throughout "Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

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### Think

Living the Christian life can be hard. Why is it difficult to live a consistent, Christian life?

### Talk

Jesus told his disciples, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (1:4-5).

1. Jesus identified the Holy Spirit the night before He died as the gift the Father promises to send (John 14:25, 26). According to these comments by Jesus in John, what does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?
2. What do you think it means to be "filled" "baptized" or "empowered" by the Holy Spirit? Describe a person who is filled with the Spirit.

### Act

Read through the booklet, "Have you made the wonderful discovery of the Spirit-filled life?" It explains how the Holy Spirit gives power to our lives.