

CrossWalk **notes**

Empowered: A Study of the Book of Acts Empowered by Calling

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⁸ 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. ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. **Acts 1:8-9, NIV**

Jesus' ascension into heaven showed.

- His work of paying for sin was _____.
- We should not expect to _____ him until his return.
- He is _____ at God's right hand.
- He has _____ his church to lead.

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ **They all joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. **Acts 1:12-14, NIV**

The Gospel is the work of _____. The book of Acts is how the Holy Spirit _____ everyday people.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry." ¹⁸ (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so

this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) **Acts 1:15-19, NIV**

From the start, Jesus called individuals to _____.

These leaders are not _____.

²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another **take his place of leadership**.' ²¹ **Therefore it is necessary to choose** one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." **Acts 1:20-22, NIV**

God _____ people in every generation for leadership.

The first role of a leader is to follow _____ direction.

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. **Show us which of these two you have chosen** ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ **Then they cast lots**, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. **Acts 1:23-26, NIV**

God continues to use his Spirit to empower and his church _____ leaders in every generation.

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²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. **Show us which of these two you have chosen** ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, **Acts 1:24-25a**

My next step: The Lord has sent his Holy Spirit to empower his leaders through a calling process. I will follow Godly leaders who guide me as they prayerfully consider God's Word.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.