

Sermon Notes

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“You Will Receive Power”

Acts 1:1-9

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How did Jesus’ disciples think the Holy Spirit might be of benefit to them (verse 6)? What does Jesus himself say to them about what the Spirit will do for them, and for what purpose (verse 8)?

- Some have opined that this book which is traditionally called “Acts of the Apostles” would be more aptly named “Acts of the Holy Spirit.” As you skim through subsequent chapters of the book, look for examples of what the Holy Spirit calls people to do and the results.

Besides examples of the Spirit working through miraculous signs, we also see in Acts the Spirit at work shaping a community (chapters 2 & 4), radically changing someone’s perspective (chapter 10), and giving specific guidance (16:7).

- What are some ways you think East Main especially needs the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? How about you personally?

A takeaway from this passage to think about: ***God is as interested in empowering us with his Holy Spirit as we are interested in witnessing to the good news of Jesus.***