

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. How old did ThornCreek Church become on April 20, 2019? How long have you been attending ThornCreek?
  
2. What has God done in your life since you've been at ThornCreek?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. According to Colossians 1:18 who is the head of the church?
  - a. Do you think it's possible to be a follower of Jesus and not be committed to His church? Why or why not?
  
4. The Book of Acts was written by Luke in AD 61.
  - b. How many chapters are in this book?
  
  - c. Who was this book written to?
  
5. Please read Acts 1:1-3.
  - a. According to the first few verses, how many days did Jesus appear to people after the resurrection?
  
  - b. Can you think of any other examples in the bible where that same number was significant?
  
  - c. According to verse three, what did Jesus talk about?
  
6. How would you describe the Kingdom of God? Compare with Matt 4:17.

Compare with this quote from Pastor Ruben, "There is no greater purpose for you life than to live for the kingdom of God. Don't get bogged down with the worries of this world. Live with your eyes set on Jesus Christ and live for things that will matter in heaven."

7. According to Acts 1:4, what did Jesus tell the disciples?

Compare with John 14:15-17 and with John 16:7

8. Please read Acts 1:5-8.
  - a. According to verse eight, what were the disciples going to receive?
  
  - b. When? For what purpose?

9. How were the disciples different, before and after the Holy Spirit?

What is evidence that someone is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit?

10. Is it possible we manufacture the work of the Holy Spirit in our life? Do we give credit to the Holy Spirit or God, when it was our efforts?
11. What did the life of the disciples look like after they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit? Is it what you expected?

Compare with 2 Cor 11:23-33.

Compare Acts 1:8 with Acts 8:1. What's the difference?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Here are ten events that happened after the resurrection...Read a few of them!!!
  - i. The women at the tomb (Matt. 28:9-10)
  - ii. Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)
  - iii. Two men of Emmaus (Mark 16:12; Luke 24:13-32)
  - iv. Peter in Jerusalem (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5)
  - v. Ten disciples (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23)
  - vi. Eleven disciples (John 20:24-29; 1 Cor. 15:5)
  - vii. Seven disciples fishing in Galilee (John 21:1-23)
  - viii. Eleven disciples in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18)
  - ix. Five hundred persons (presumably in Galilee; 1 Cor. 15:6)
  - x. James, the brother of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:7)
- "God put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power. Sadly, most believers and churches are known for talent and intellect rather than supernatural power. What's worse is that we're okay with it." -Francis Chan
- The big idea from Pastor Ruben this weekend was: "You need the power of the Holy Spirit for the other side." Invite the Holy Spirit into your heart and life and be a witness for Jesus Christ!