Family Discipleship Resource Feb 2-8 (Acts 1:1-5)



G – <u>Gather for Prayer</u>

Father,

Thank you for sending Your Spirit to save, guide, and comfort me. Help me to be more engaged in your kingdom mission.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – <u>Read the Text (Acts 1:1-5)</u>

"1The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³ To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. ⁴Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, 'Which,' He said, 'you heard of from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'"

O – Observe what God has said

What did Jesus spend his time doing at the end of his ministry?

What role(s) does the Holy Spirit play in our lives as believers?

W – Work on Application

Are you busy with the work that God has entrusted to you? Does the Kingdom of God matter more to you than your individual chiefdom? Are you relying on the Holy Spirit to lead you and strengthen you and guide you over all other influences (including yourself)? I pray that we all might have good answers to these questions as we begin this journey together and are encouraged as a 21st century church by reading this historical account of the Spirit's activity in the first century church.

In what ways might we encourage ourselves/each other to be more kingdom minded this week?

<u>Family Weekly Memory Verse:</u> "for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."-Acts 1:5