



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - Acts

Main Idea

This week Pastor Brett continued our XXVII series with a message from the book of Acts. We took a look at the Power of God in our lives and in our communities and were challenged to live against the flow of culture, just as the early church did. Through the power of God, the power of prayer and worship, and the power of community, we can transform the world around us and become unapologetic in our relationship with Jesus.

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.

ACTS 1:8

Make It Practical:

1. The Power of God
 - Greek = “dunamis” - power, strength, marvelous works
 - Ephesians 1:19-20 - I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.
2. The Power of Prayer and Worship
 - Remember the A.C.T.S. Model for Prayer:
 - Adoration
 - Confession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Supplication
 - Don’t focus on your surroundings, focus on the Father. (Acts 16:23-31)
3. The Power of Community
 - The Power of Community - The Church (Acts 2:42-47)
 - We will be an intensely devoted church.
 - We will be an irrationally generous church.
 - We will unapologetically share the love of Jesus.

Talk About It

- How does the concept of being an “intensely devoted church” challenge traditional notions of commitment and dedication within the church? What practical steps can we take to cultivate this level of devotion in their own lives and within our church?
- What are some examples of irrational generosity within the church? How does this type of generosity contribute to the mission and identity of the church as outlined in Acts 2:42-47?
- How can individuals and communities effectively communicate the love of Jesus in a diverse and often skeptical world? What barriers or challenges might arise in this process, and how can they be addressed?

**We are not spiritual consumers.
We are spiritual contributors.**

**The church doesn't exist for us.
We are the church, and we exist for the world.**

Prayer

Father, thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit that you have given to Your church. Help us to live according to your Word to be devoted, to be generous, and to unapologetically share the love of Jesus. In all things, may You be glorified in our lives. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Remind Group Members that Easter services are happening at the end of the month! Who can we “unapologetically share the love of Jesus” with and invite to join us at church to celebrate the resurrection?