

## Acts 1

*Read for next week Acts 2*

### **Context:**

- Who is the Author –
- Why it was written –
- Who is the recipient –
- When was it written –
- What is the Genre of the text –

Why can we be effective witnesses for Christ?

### ***Ephesians 2:1-5***

## **THREE MARKS**

### **1. Effective witnesses trust the evidence of Jesus' Word and works (vv 1-7)**

“Convincing proofs” (*tekmēriois*) –

What do we do because our faith in Jesus is based on verbal evidences of the Gospel (John 20:29)?

***Do you trust the convincing proofs that Jesus gave and was recorded in the Gospels? Why? Why not?***

### **2. Effective witnesses pray according to God's promises (vv 7-8, 14)**

What was Jesus' command before He ascended?

The apostle's question & Jesus' answer –

Jesus' ascension –

“Continually united in prayer” –

***Who will you connect with to pray according to promises we have in God's Word?***

### **3. Effective witnesses testify about the resurrection of Jesus Christ (vv 21-22)**

Peter's speech to 120 people –

#### **3 Requirements for the Biblical office of apostle**

1. Direct eyewitness of Jesus' resurrection
2. Given supernatural authority by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel
3. Direct commissioning of Christ to proclaim the Gospel and build the church

Witness (*mártus*) – one who brings to light and confirms the information and knowledge of something

***Who will you pray for the Holy Spirit to help you share Jesus with this week?***