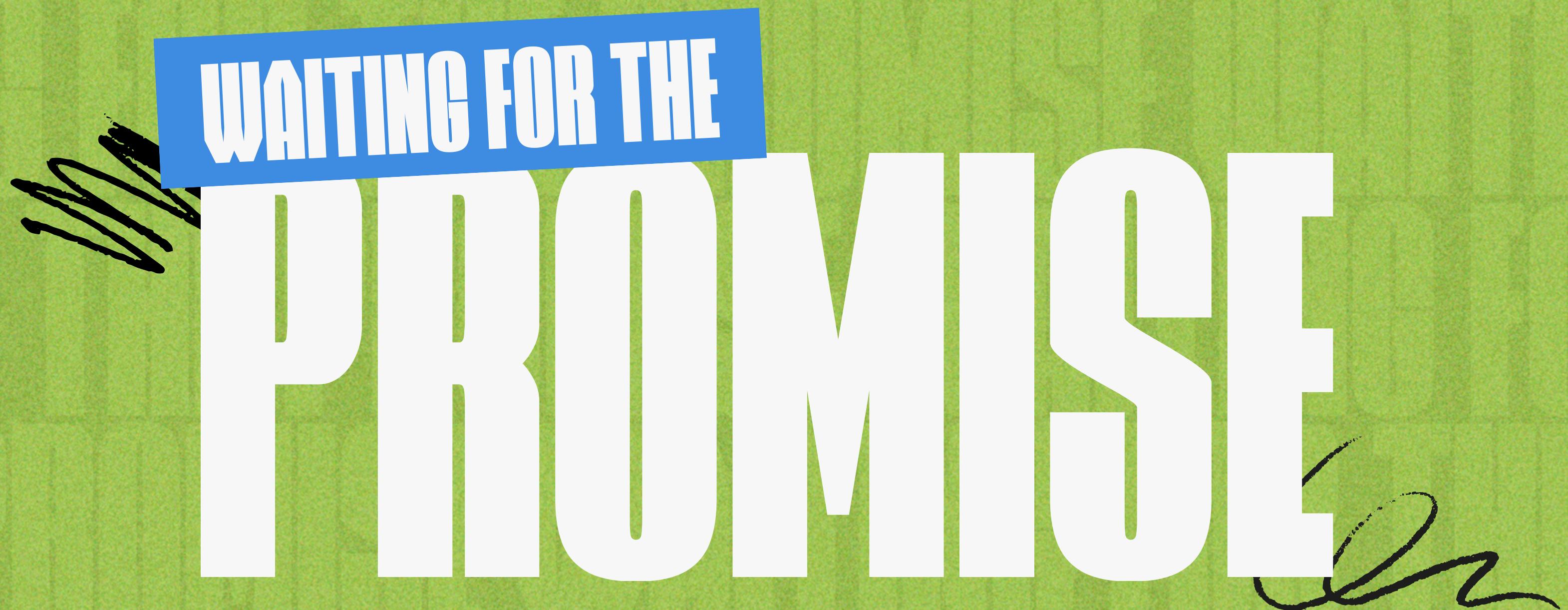


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# THE BOOK OF FACTS

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

## STUDYING THE BOOK OF ACTS IN 2026

# OUR MISSION

TO PRODUCE A UNIFIED FAMILY OF  
BELIEVERS BEING TRANSFORMED BY  
JESUS AND EMPOWERED TO LIVE  
SUPERNATURALLY WHILE ADVANCING THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD EVERYWHERE WE GO!

# BACKGROUND OF ACTS

- WRITTEN BY **LUKE**, A PHYSICIAN AND HISTORIAN
- **SEQUEL** TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
- WRITTEN TO **THEOPHILUS**
- DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE **ROMAN EMPIRE**
- EARLIEST BELIEVERS KEPT THEIR **JEWISH CUSTOMS**
- REFLECTS A **DEEPLY DIVIDED** CULTURE

# BACKGROUND OF ACTS

- JERUSALEM WAS THE **EPICENTER**; THE WORLD WAS REACHED
- THE **HOLY SPIRIT** IS THE CENTRAL FIGURE
- DEFINES THE **CHURCH** AS GOD'S PLAN TO REACH THE WORLD
- **MIRACLES, SIGNS, & WONDERS** WERE CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT
- ESTABLISHES COMMUNITY, TEACHING, WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND GENEROSITY AS THE **FOUNDATION** OF THE CHURCH
- WRITTEN TO GIVE **BOLDNESS** TO BELIEVERS

LEARNING ABOUT  
THE FAMILY

THE BOOK OF ACTS IS  
AN INVITATION TO  
ENCOUNTER THE  
HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

# ACTS 1:1-3

IN MY FIRST BOOK I TOLD YOU, THEOPHILUS,  
ABOUT EVERYTHING JESUS BEGAN TO DO AND  
TEACH<sup>2</sup> UNTIL THE DAY HE WAS TAKEN UP TO  
HEAVEN AFTER GIVING HIS CHOSEN APOSTLES  
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH THE HOLY  
SPIRIT.

# ACTS 1:1-3

<sup>3</sup> DURING THE FORTY DAYS AFTER HE SUFFERED AND DIED, HE APPEARED TO THE APOSTLES FROM TIME TO TIME, AND HE PROVED TO THEM IN MANY WAYS THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY ALIVE. AND HE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

# ACTS 1:4

ONCE WHEN HE WAS EATING WITH THEM, HE  
COMMANDED THEM, “DO NOT LEAVE  
JERUSALEM UNTIL THE FATHER SENDS YOU THE  
GIFT HE PROMISED, AS I TOLD YOU BEFORE.

# LUKE 11:13

SO IF YOU SINFUL PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM.

# LUKE 24:49

“AND NOW I WILL SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT, JUST AS MY FATHER PROMISED. BUT STAY HERE IN THE CITY UNTIL THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AND FILLS YOU WITH POWER FROM HEAVEN.”

# JOHN 14:16-17

AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE, WHO WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.<sup>17</sup> HE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO LEADS INTO ALL TRUTH...

# ACTS 1:5

JOHN BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT IN JUST A FEW DAYS YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

# ACTS 1:12-15

THEN THE APOSTLES RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, A DISTANCE OF HALF A MILE.<sup>13</sup> WHEN THEY ARRIVED, THEY WENT TO THE UPSTAIRS ROOM OF THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE STAYING. HERE ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT: PETER, JOHN, JAMES, ANDREW, PHILIP, THOMAS, BARTHolemew, MATTHEW, JAMES (SON OF...

# ACTS 1:12-15

ALPHAEUS), SIMON (THE ZEALOT), AND JUDAS (SON OF JAMES).<sup>14</sup> THEY ALL MET TOGETHER AND WERE CONSTANTLY UNITED IN PRAYER, ALONG WITH MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SEVERAL OTHER WOMEN, AND THE BROTHERS OF JESUS.<sup>15</sup> DURING THIS TIME, WHEN ABOUT 120 BELIEVERS WERE TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE, PETER STOOD UP AND ADDRESSED THEM.

# ACTS 1:4

...“DO NOT LEAVE JERUSALEM UNTIL THE  
FATHER SENDS YOU THE GIFT HE PROMISED”...

YOU MUST WAIT.

*"Your gift will be given in a few days."*



# WAITING ON THE LORD



A CONFIDENT, DISCIPLINED, EXPECTANT,  
ACTIVE TRUST IN GOD, INVOLVING OBEDIENCE  
AND CONTINUAL DEPENDENCE EVEN WHEN  
CIRCUMSTANCES AREN'T CHANGING YET

**“THE BEST THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT.”**



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COME TO THOSE WHO

**WAIT**



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