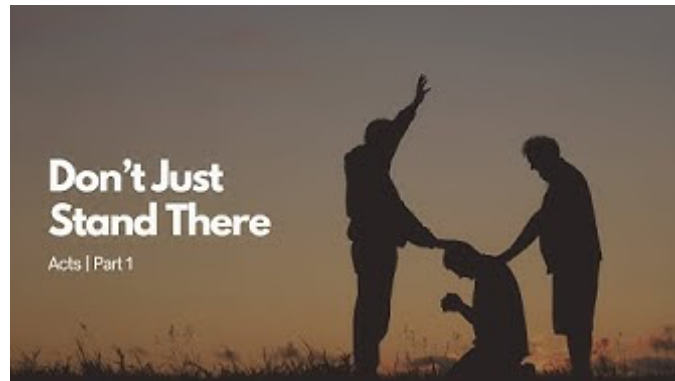


## Connect Group Guide: Acts Part 1 - "Don't Just Stand There"



**Passage: Acts 1:1-11**

**Sermon Link:** [▶ Don't Just Stand There | Acts: Part 1](#)

### Welcome:

*(Choose a question for your group to discuss)*

- What is the longest you have spent on your feet without sitting/laying down?
- What do you know about the book of Acts and the actions of the early church?

### Worship:

*(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)*

- [▶ Still | Hillsong Worship Lyrics](#)

### Word:

*(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)*

**Before reading the scripture:**

- Have you ever felt challenged to share the Gospel with someone? Did you act upon it? How did it go?
- Do you think sharing the Gospel is optional for a Christian? What barriers prevent us from sharing the Gospel?

**Read: Acts 1:1-11**

- What do you think it means to be baptised by the Holy Spirit?  
*How do you think this relates with “baptism” in Matthew 28:19?*
- What do you think the disciples expected when they asked: “Lord, are you going to restore the Kingdom of Israel at this time”?
- The disciples expected a restoration of the Earthly kingdom, but Jesus focusses on the power of the Holy Spirit about to be sent to them. Why do you think Jesus focusses on this instead of answering their question?
- What does it mean to be a “witness” of Jesus Christ?
- Is it possible to live a faithful Christian life without verbally proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus? Why/Why not?

**Works:**

***(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)***

- The Holy Spirit does not work with guilt, He empowers us to be witnesses of Christ.
- How and with whom do you feel challenged to share the Gospel of Jesus with?
- How does this passage encourage you to live boldly for Christ?

**Closing:**

***(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)***

- Pray for continued strength and wisdom as we step into our callings as believers- to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

