

# MESSAGE NOTES ~ SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

## THE BOOK OF ACTS “FIRE, FALL DOWN!”



John the Baptist said, “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Jesus said, “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.”

Luke reports: “Fire came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Paul said: “I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin.

Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!”

Theophilus said (?), “Fire, Holy Spirit, fall down on me!”

Show me Your Heart

Show me Your Way

Show me Your Glory



# SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE ~ THE BOOK OF ACTS

## WE ARE TO BE GOD'S NEXT CHAPTER: "FIRE, FALL DOWN!" ACTS 29



In the book of Acts, God wrote the first-century edition of His story through the early church. Luke's unfinished book actually introduces us to the whole record of the history of the church which continues to this day. Today, God is writing the continuing chapters of His story through His followers, through you. May God's Fire, the Holy Spirit, empower and equip all of us, His Church, to be a part of that living story, to share His love that transforms people into fully devoted followers of Christ and for the glorious display of His holy Name.

### Share and Study

- Reflect on our four-month study of the Book of Acts. What are the "major-wow" life lessons for you?
- We all have a role in the next chapter of God's ongoing story. How has our study better prepared you to play your part?
- Why is praying, "Fire, Holy Spirit, fall down on me," so important in order to live an "Acts 29" life?

### Read Acts 1:4-8 and Matthew 28:19-20

- As you pray for God to show you His heart for others, who specifically has He placed around you that doesn't know Christ?
- As you pray for God to show you His way, what are some specific ways you can reach out to those individuals and families and disciple them?
- How does His promise in Matthew 28:20 encourage you?
- As you pray for God to show you His glory, what does that look like in your life and within the family of CLCS?

### Read Acts 28:28-31

- What is striking about these verses to you?
- Paul was hindered; he was still chained day and night to a Roman guard. Nevertheless, what does Luke mean when he says that the message of the Gospel wasn't? Do you remember what four books he wrote while imprisoned?

### Support

- How will you personally answer Christ's call to go make disciples? How will you answer this call as a group?
- Pray with your group and during your personal prayer time this week for God to give you a desire to make disciples of others. Pray for those God has put around you that do not know Christ and that He will give you opportunities to reach out to them. Pray, "fire, fall down on me."