



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

**SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2023**

Topic: Discipleship Essential "Spirit Brings Power"

Acts 1: 4-9

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- The disciples cannot do it on their own (v4)
- But the Holy Spirit changes everything (v5)
- It's not for us to decide on the details (v6-7)
- Rather we are to wait on God in obedience (v8a)
- Empowered to re-establish God's Kingdom (v8b-9)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

**GROWING & GOING**





Have you ever said to your children when they were young, wait here and don't move until I get back. From past experiences with the disciples, why would Jesus say that – discuss their past actions? Would you have handed God's kingdom over to the disciples? The disciples, along with you and me, are nothing on their own. What, then, is the key truth for us to take hold of?

Jesus knew what would make the difference. The gift of the Holy Spirit. Share together your experience of how the Holy Spirit changes everything. Have you tried to work things in your own strength – what was the result? What situations do you face right now where you must rely on the Holy Spirit?

The disciples were excited about this new hope – but immediately, they started thinking about their own agenda. They saw political power and victory. Do you ever think of God's power being available for your own purposes? Do you find it easy to trust God with the detail?

Jesus told the disciples to wait. What does it mean for us now to wait on God? There is great freedom in leaving outcomes to God. Are you someone who lives in that freedom? If God does the heavy lifting, what do we do?

It is amazing to consider the disciples at the beginning and where the church is now. Has anything changed? How does the spirit's power help us to grow and to go?