

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: We encourage you to begin by reading and studying Acts 1:1-11. If you're on the same page and reading the same thing as your student, it will be easier to have a conversation about it. The Central Truth and Personal Challenge items included will also provide you with a glimpse into what your student is learning in their study of the first half of the Book of Acts. Ask your student about what he or she learned in their Keep on Digging study. They were to look at their church's history and trace it back as far as they could to Acts 1:8. Recall with your student what Jesus said before His ascension. Ask them how His last words have a significant effect on our lives today. Then, challenge your student to take a look at how they are currently sharing their faith. Also evaluate your own life and look at how God might be calling you to share Jesus with neighbors, friends, or others in your life. Be open and honest with your student as you share the challenges or things that sometimes hold you back from sharing, but also encourage them with the truth of Scripture and emphasize that it's by the power of the Holy Spirit that we're to share the gospel with everyone.

CENTRAL TRUTH

By the power of the Holy Spirit and in light of His ever approaching return, Christians are to share the gospel with everyone.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** After appearing to over 500 people in His resurrected form (1 Cor. 15:3-8), Jesus ascended to heaven. The last thing He said to His disciples before ascending should have a direct effect on the way we live our lives. He promised them the coming power of the Holy Spirit and prophesied that they would tell everyone about Him in their current city, the outlying region, in places where saturated with cultural hostility, and eventually to the other side of the world. His prophecy came true and so will the prophesies of His return. So, share the gospel!
- › **Memorize:** Acts 1:8
- › **Pray:** Give God praise because He's worthy. Praise Him for having His perfect will done on earth and then ascending to heaven where His will is done. Ask Him for the boldness and power you need to share your faith today. Speak to Him candidly and honestly about the grudges you hold against other people, forgive them, and ask God to forgive you. Pray for God's protection and deliverance from temptation as you set out to be a witness for Him here in your town and wherever else He calls you, even if that is to the other side of the world.