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Rediscovering Our Roots

A study of Acts

- ◆ How did God birth the New Covenant church?
 - ◆ Why did God birth the New Covenant church?
 - ◆ What does this mean to the New Covenant church in the 21st century?
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Acts Chapter One

1:1-11 – Pouring the Foundation of the New Covenant Church

- Jesus suffered and died for mankind
- He was raised from the dead, and we have eye witnesses to this fact
- Jesus' marching orders to the disciples
 - Wait for God's provision and power
 - Do your job and let God do His
 - Your job: be my witnesses to the world
- Jesus returned to heaven, where he sits at God's right hand as Lord
- The promise of angels: "Don't just stand there! Get moving! He will be back!"

1:12-26 – First Days After the Ascension

- Pull together and pray
- Take inventory and regroup (get things back to the way Jesus set them up)
- More prayer: God will direct your paths (Proverbs 3)
 - In which decisions, major or minor, do we not trust God to provide guidance? Could we trust enough to "cast lots"?

Major Ideas in Chapter One

- ☑ The church's one foundation...
 - Isaiah 28:16
 - Matthew 7:25
 - 1 Corinthians 3:10-11
- ☑ God was, is, and will always be intimately and powerfully engaged in the life of His church
 - Matthew 28:20
 - Philippians 1:3-6
 - Ephesians 3:20-21