

# God's Love Goes Up

Scripture: Acts 1: 1-14  
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## **THE GIFT SOUGHT**

### *TEACHING*

Jesus after His resurrection taught the disciples many things and promised the power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon them. The disciples were looking for a specific gift of a kingdom that would free them politically, socially, financially etc. Jesus was speaking of a gift of a power from a King through the Spirit

### *REFLECTING*

Where in your life are you searching for the power, the presence of God?

What promises from God are you hoping for to be true in your life?

What areas of your life are you being called to bring the gift of God – hope, forgiveness, life, love – into?

## **THE GIFT PROMISED**

### *TEACHING*

James 1: 17 reminds us that God gives good gifts and that we can trust Him to ensure that those gifts will arrive. We can see a gift as something as earned or expected but God's grace gives the gifts of love and life through grace. They are offered not for a debt but from a desire of love.

Acts 1 reminds us that waiting for God to fulfill His gifts can require a period of waiting for God's timing. A waiting that is filled with praise for what God has done and prayers for what God can potentially do. To seek God and then to serve God.

### *REFLECTING*

What parts of your life are you praise God for – even as you wait?

What parts of your life are you praying for God to speak into?

What is God revealing to you – through prayer and praise – about what's next for you?