**GOD’S STORY – YOUR STORY**

**SESSION 8**

**Look Out! The Spirit is Loose!**

Readings

Acts 1:1-11 Acts 7:51-60 Acts 10

Acts 2 Acts 9:1-21 Acts 15:1-29

Book of Acts

The history of the early Christian church

From Jewish religious sect to a movement throughout the Roman world

Apostles told to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit

Apostles Commissioned

Ascension

 With Jesus’ resurrection and promise, death has been overcome

Pentecost

Gifting of the Holy Spirit with wind and tongues of fire

Heard the message in native tongues

Peter’s speech of forgiveness and hope

Stoning of Stephen (first martyr)

Philip preaches in Samaria

Saul/Paul

 Saul is a Jew of the Diaspora, a native of Tarsus, and a Roman citizen.

He actively sought out Jesus’ followers to have them imprisoned.

Traveling to Damascus, Jesus speaks to Saul

Blind for three days, Saul is visited by Ananias and sight restored

Saul is baptized and begins proclaiming Jesus as God’s son and Messiah

Peter’s vision

Sheet full of animals forbidden to eat, dream repeats three times

Voice tells Peter to eat

“What God has made clean, you must not call profane.”

Peter is asked to a Gentile’s home, and preaches the gospel

Cornelius and household receive the Holy Spirit and are baptized

The Jerusalem Council

Controversy over the Law

 Law and circumcision

Could Gentiles become Christians without becoming Jews?

Group of Elders and the Apostles met in Jerusalem

 Paul and Peter opposed requiring Gentiles to follow Jewish Law

**Looking ahead:**

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

Romans 15:14-21