



The Book of Acts – Part 2.

Overview: Acts is divided into 28 chapters, chronicling a history of the early church after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Throughout the text, we see the apostles grow into their own in ministry. The apostles had a huge responsibility (as do we), and their paths were rarely, if ever, easy. We can learn a lot from studying the early church and how the apostles witnessed throughout their lives.

Instructions:

The following is **Part 2** of our featured study on Acts. We suggest that you divide the chapters of Acts up into reading assignments based on the meeting schedule and reading pace of your group. Then, discuss what you are reading and learning during your meetings! You might decide to have one of you responsible for recapping the reading each time you meet. If you would like to follow along with the sermon series, please see the outline below for the text that will be covered each week. The text and questions will be updated every 4 weeks.

Week 5: Oct 11th

- Reading: Acts 3-4:2
- Question: The Gospel is more than just nice actions, it is calling people to respond to truth. Does your Christian walk stop at nice actions? Or does it also include proclaiming the Gospel and calling people to respond to truth?

Week 6: Oct 18th

- Reading: Acts 4:1-31
- Question: Nothing should ever stand between us and the mission Jesus entrusted to us. What are you allowing to stand in your way today? How can your community group help you push through these obstructions?

Week 7: Oct 25th

- Reading: Acts 4:32-5:11

- Question: Our faith calls us to generosity unto God, not unto man. We ought always to be more concerned with pleasing God than our fellow man. Who are you trying to please? If people-pleasing is something that you struggle with, discuss this with your community group today.

Week 8: Nov 1st

- Reading: Acts 5:12-17
- Question: Authentic faith draws people to the church. Does the way that you live your life point others to Christ and draw them to church? In what areas are you succeeding, and in what areas might you improve?

Week 9: Nov 8th

- Reading: Acts 5:17-42
- Question: The early Christians were moving *with* God and acting in obedience to the mission He entrusted them. In doing so, we see incredible things taking place! Are you allowing God to move you? Or are you being moved by the world and man?

Please remember, you need not be limited by these questions! The goal of all of these studies is that we would be devoting daily to our relationship with Jesus: getting into a habit of regularly studying His word and responding to His teachings in our lives. How you do that is entirely dependent on your group!

The following are general resources we recommend to everyone who is studying the Bible.

- A good **study Bible**. This is essential. For example, the ESV study Bible is available for the purchase online.
- A **concordance** (e.g. Strong's exhaustive concordance): A concordance is an alphabetical list of words that allows you to search for words in the Bible. For example, if you wanted to study prayer, you could look up "prayer" in the concordance and it would provide every instance of where "prayer" appears in Scripture!
- **Holman's Bible Dictionary**
- **A journal**: This may seem simple, but it's really important. Journaling often helps us to be more intentional about our Bible study and record what God is teaching us throughout various points in our lives.

If you have questions about any of these resources, or would like to know more about where to access them, please feel free to reach out anytime!