

The Book Of Acts

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**Participant's
GUIDE**



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Thank you for participating in this year's Small Group and Individual Bible Study.

Each Study so that principle response comes directly from the Word of God. We value your viewpoints, but the Scripture itself is what will bring enlightenment and growth. This method is called *inductive bible study*. Each lesson has 3 main movements. The first is *Discovery: What does the Bible say?* The second is the *Application* (This is found in the 'Discussion' area.). The third is *Prayer*. Being honest enough to share and support each other is the essence of fellowship – particularly in the things just studied and learned.

These lessons in the Acts of the Apostles are lengthy. I'm constrained to study 28 chapters in about 16 lessons. This means they cannot be done in your group meeting. **You have to do the homework BEFORE each meeting!** If you do 6-7 questions per day you will easily be ready for your study group. It's not hard if you look at it that way.

These lessons can also be done on your own; with your spouse; or with your family. May God bless your study; enrich your soul and grant you amazing insight into the person and the work of Jesus Christ.

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Welcome to the first of these studies in Luke's record of the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES! Each lesson is intended to cover one week. Participants in small groups are expected to complete the Bible Study portion prior to meeting with your fellowship group. The discussion questions are based upon Pastor Jim's message on October 2nd. The intent of the Author is to show us what developed within the Church through spiritual growth and what occurred outside the Church in the community. The Discussion will focus primarily in these areas.

LESSON 1

Please read ACTS, chapters 1 and 2

1. What is "the former treatise" referred to by Luke? Luke 1:1-4 And what did the former treatise record? Acts 1:1
2. What did Jesus tell His disciples during the forty days before the ascension? 1:3
3. What baptism did Jesus promise? 1:5
4. For what distinct purpose is the power of the Spirit given to believers? 1:8
5. If we were to suggest that Acts 1:8 also contains the "table of contents" for the book of Acts what would you expect to find?

6. Acts 1:9-11 describes the ascension. What assurance is given that Jesus actually ascended; and what promise is given in Luke's account?
7. What did the disciples do in the upper room; and what woman is especially mentioned as being present? 1:14

This is the last reference to the mother of Jesus. We leave her on her knees in prayer— not being prayed to. With all the others she was baptized into the Church at Pentecost.

8. Describe what the successor to Judas must have witnessed? 1:20
9. What method did the disciples choose to select a successor to Judas? 1:24, 26
10. What advance sign came from heaven signifying the approach of the Holy Spirit? 2:2
11. What appeal was made to the eye? 2:3
12. When these believers were “filled,” what, did they do? Acts 2:4, 6, 11
13. Of what benefit was this speaking in tongues? 2:11
14. How do you account for the great change in Peter? Acts 2:14; compare John 18:27
15. Read the prophecy Peter quoted from (Acts 2:16-21). Is this prophecy fulfilled; or does it have a continuing and further fulfillment? Joel 2:30, 31
16. What great truths did Peter expound in this sermon?
 - a. 2:22, 23
 - b. 2:24, 31
 - c. 2:36
17. Why was Jesus raised from the dead? 2:24
18. What did David foresee would happen to the Messiah before He should sit on a throne? 2:27, 30

19. What happened when the people heard Peter’s sermon?

20. What must a person do to be saved? 2:38

21. To whom is the promise of the Holy Ghost given? 2:39

22. What did the believers do in order to grow in their Christian lives? 2:42

23. What ordinance was practiced by the early church? 2:42

24. What was the general atmosphere of the church? 2:46

25. Who makes the real additions to the church? 2:47

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#1. As you read through Acts 1 and 2, please note the things that were happening within the lives of believers that, in your opinion, were building up and maturing the group of believers in this time of history. The first one is given as an example:

1.	The believers were under the direct teaching of Jesus regarding the kingdom	1:3
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#2. As you read through Acts 1 and 2, please note the things that were happening outside, in and to the lives of unbelievers that, in your opinion, were contributing to the expansion of the church. The first one is given as an example:

1.	Jews in the city were attracted to the believers as they witnessed the miracle of tongues	2:5f
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#3. Share with your group one area of personal growth that you see in Question #1 that you long to see expressed better in your life.

#4. Based upon the entire history recorded in Acts 1 and 2, what are some of the essential elements that contribute to the expansion of the Church?

#5. Please take time to pray for one another, for both personal aspirations as noted in #3 and for our Church that the elements you noted in #4 may be realized by God's grace and power.