

WEEK FOUR

Reading: Acts 18:1-28:31

Big Idea: *Even in trials, shipwrecks, and house arrest, the Word of God continues to spread through God's powerful work*

Memory Verse: Acts 28:31 *"Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.*

Day 1: Acts 18:1-22 *Ministry in an Immoral Culture*

Q: How did the Lord rejuvenate Paul (18:9-10)? What should Christians do when experiencing weakness and fear?

Day 2: Acts 18:23-19:41 *Exalting Jesus Over Idols*

Q: How might the preaching of the gospel impact your city's social norms?

Day 3: Acts 20:1-38 *Encouraging the Church*

Q: Why do we often fail to encourage other saints? How can we encourage other Christians based on this passage?

Day 4: Acts 21:1-26 *Paul's Journey to Jerusalem*

Q: In verse 13 what gave Paul this level of clarity and courage? What are things in our lives that often distract us from that kind of singular focus?

Day 5: Acts 21:17-22:21 *Paul In Jerusalem*

Q: What does it mean to defend the faith? When might you need to defend the faith?

Day 6: Acts 22:22-23:11 *Paul Before The Council*

Q: Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. What is your reaction to this text? How did Paul live out this passage?

Day 7: Reflection Write out your testimony (life before Christ, how I met Christ, & life after Christ) and share it with someone this week.

Day 1: Acts 23:12-24:27 *Paul In Caesarea Pt. 1*

Q: Why does Paul constantly bring up the resurrection? What does this teach about our gospel conversations?

Day 2: Acts 25:1-26:32 *Paul In Caesarea Pt. 2*

Q: What does it mean to "do works worthy of repentance" (26:20)?

Day 3: Acts 27:1-28:31: *The End Of The Beginning*

Q: How does this narrative highlight the truth that God keeps his word?

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Dive deeper with these resources:

1. "Exalting Jesus in Acts" Commentary by Tony Merida
2. <https://www.gotquestions.org>
3. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-acts>

WEEK ONE

Reading: Acts 1:1-6:7

Big Idea: *Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the early church is established in Jerusalem through bold preaching, miraculous signs, and a radical, self-sacrificial community.*

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Day 1: Acts 1:1-26 *Spirit Empowered Witnesses*

Q: What about Acts 1:8 encourages you most? Why?

Day 2: Acts 2:1-41 *The Promised Holy Spirit*

Q: What are the ongoing effects of the day of Pentecost?

Day 3: Acts 2:42-3:26 *A Healthy Body of Believers*

Q: What is the biggest obstacle standing between you and deep, genuine relationships with other believers?

Day 4: Acts 4:1-31 *Boldness In the Face of Persecution*

Q: How is the power of the Holy Spirit related to bold proclamation?

Day 5: Acts 4:32-5:11 *Integrity In The Church*

Q: Identify a needy person who could use your help this week. Choose to act generously.

Day 6: Acts 5:12-6:7 *Growing Pains*

Q: What does this passage teach about church growth? How should we view it?

Day 7: Reflection Re-read the memory verse. Reach out to someone in your church to have them over for a meal, out for coffee, to intentionally hear their story, and practice *Koinonia* (Christian Fellowship).

WEEK TWO

Reading: Acts 6:8-13:3

Big Idea: *The Gospel expands from outside Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria reaching the Gentiles*

Memory Verse: Acts 8:4, "Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word."

Day 1: Acts 6:8-8:3 *The Martyrdom of Stephen*

Q: From where did Stephen receive power?

Day 2: Acts 8:4-40 *Scattered and Sharing*

Q: Read Isaiah 52:13-53:12. What does this text teach about Jesus?

Day 3: Acts 9:1-31 *From Terrorist to Evangelist*

Q: What practical lessons might be learned from Ananias's inclusion in this story?

Day 4: Acts 9:32-11:18 *Grace for Every Race*

Q: If Cornelius was so pious, then why did he need the gospel?

Day 5: Acts 11:19-30; 12:25; 13:1-3 *The Antioch Model*

Q: What made the evangelists in Antioch so effective?

Day 6: Acts 12:1-24 *Opposition and Advancement*

Q: Why should Christians expect opposition when seeking to advance the gospel?

Day 7: Reflection Re-read the memory verse. Identify one person in your life who needs to hear about Jesus and pray for opportunities to share with them.

WEEK THREE

Reading: Acts 13:4-Acts 17:34

Big Idea: *The Gospel expands to the ends of the earth as Paul begins his missionary journeys.*

Memory Verse: Acts 15:11, "But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Day 1: Acts 13:4-52 *The First Missionary Journey Pt. 1*

Q: What about Paul's sermon in Pisidian Antioch most resonates with you?

Day 2: Acts 14:1-28 *The First Missionary Journey Pt. 2*

Q: What do Paul's return visits teach about discipleship and church planting?

Day 3: Acts 15:1-35 *Grace Alone*

Q: Why do people have a difficult time embracing the message of grace?

Day 4: Acts 15:36-16:40 *Power In A Phillipian Prison*

Q: What did the Lord use to convert the Phillipian jailer? How might God use you today to share the gospel?

Day 5: Acts 17:1-15 *Turning the World Upside Down*

Q: How does the story of Paul's trip to Thessalonica encourage you? How does it challenge you?

Day 6: Acts 17:16-34 *Paul's Visit to Athens*

Q: What are some of the idols worshiped in your city, neighborhood, or nation? How did Paul feel when he saw the idols in Athens (v.16)?

Day 7: Reflection Re-read the memory verse. Text or call a friend who you know is going through a "tribulation" or a hard season. Share with them about God's help in hardship and pray for them.