

# sermon notes

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“Intro to Acts: No Other Name” | Acts 1:1

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## *Why Study the Book of Acts?*

- 1) To \_\_\_\_\_ God by honoring his inspired, inerrant Word
- 2) To \_\_\_\_\_ our lives by the power of Scripture
- 3) To \_\_\_\_\_ our faith historically and theologically
- 4) To \_\_\_\_\_ the work and the power of the Holy Spirit
- 5) To \_\_\_\_\_ with our roots as a church
- 6) To \_\_\_\_\_ at the power of the gospel
- 7) To \_\_\_\_\_ hearts for gospel proclamation

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Who wrote the book of Acts? To whom was it written? What was the occasion for this book? Approximately when was Acts written? Access a study Bible or commentary for help answering these questions. Also watch the Bible Project videos on this book to help you get a broad overview of Acts: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/acts>

Read Acts 1:1–5. What is the “first book” that the author references in 1:1? What did Jesus order his disciples to do before he ascended into heaven? Didn’t Jesus tell them to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:19)? Why aren’t they going? What are they waiting for?

### GET PERSONAL

What excites you the most about studying the book of Acts in the upcoming months? Name one or two new insights on this book from today’s sermon. Answer this question in your own words—Why study the book of Acts?

What keeps us from being transformed by God’s Word? Is there sometimes a disconnect between information and transformation? How do we maximize our engagement with God’s Word on a daily basis? How about at church on Sunday? How about at a small group?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

As we begin our series in the book of Acts, consider making the following prayer commitments: 1) Pray for Pastor Tony each week as he preaches this series, 2) Pray for tender, receptive hearts in the congregation that will lead to spiritual growth, 3) Pray for an increase of conversions and baptisms within our church body, 4) Pray for revival in our church and in our community.

### ADVANCED QUESTION

What are some ways that churches marginalize the work of the Holy Spirit? What are some ways that the work of the Holy Spirit is counterfeited in churches? What do we miss out on when the Holy Spirit is neglected or marginalized theologically? What are some ways that we can tap into the power of the Holy Spirit in our walk with Christ? What about collectively as a church?