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THE MOVEMENT OF GOD THROUGH ORDINARY PEOPLE



THE MOVEMENT OF ACTS

SERIES BIG IDEA

The book of Acts is not primarily the story of extraordinary apostles doing extraordinary things.

It is the story of the Holy Spirit empowering ordinary disciples to carry the life a mission of Jesus everywhere they go.

OVERVIEW OF ACTS

- **Author:** Luke (Companion of Paul, physician, historian)
- **Audience:** Theophilus and early Christians. (Gentile and Jewish)
- **Purpose:** The spread of the Gospel through the Holy Spirit's power.



THE MOVEMENT

ACTS 1–2 RECEIVE

Receive the Spirit and the mission.

ACTS 3–7 WITNESS

Carry Jesus boldly into opposition.

ACTS 8–12 EXPAND

Watch the gospel cross boundaries.

ACTS 13–16 GO

Become a sent and sending people.

ACTS 17–20 MULTIPLY

Make disciples who make disciples.

ACTS 21–28 ENDURE

Carry the mission faithfully to the end.



THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME

We don't simply want people to know the book of Acts.

We want them to begin living the book of Acts.

- Spirit-filled
- Jesus-centered
- Scripture-shaped
- Prayer-dependent
- Community-formed
- Courageously obedient
- Missionally engaged
- Making disciples
- Multiplying wherever God sends them



SERIES OUTCOMES

By the End of Acts, We Hope People Can:

- Explain the mission of Jesus and understand their personal role in being His witness.
- Depend on the Holy Spirit for power, guidance, courage, wisdom, and everyday obedience.
- Recognize and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Share the gospel clearly and confidently and tell their own testimony.
- Read Scripture missionally and respond to it obediently.
- Recognize the 11 Rhythms of Jesus in Scripture and identify which rhythms need greater formation.
- Practice the rhythms of Jesus as a way of life, moving from information to formation.
- Pray with greater faith and expectancy and live in intentional biblical community.

SERIES OUTCOMES

By the End of Acts, We Hope People Can:

- Move toward people, cross boundaries, and recognize where God is already at work.
- Respond to opposition, suffering, disappointment, and disruption with faithfulness.
- Use their gifts, experiences, relationships, influence, and resources for God's mission.
- Intentionally disciple another person and help develop and release other leaders.
- Move from being a disciple toward becoming a disciple-maker.
- See everyday life - home, work, school, neighborhood, team, and community - as a mission field.
- See the Church as a movement rather than simply an event.
- Live a life worth following and faithfully finish the assignment Jesus has given them.



THE WEEKLY FORMATION FRAMEWORK

- WHAT DO I SEE?
- WHAT RHYTHMS DO I SEE?
- WHAT IS JESUS FORMING IN ME?
- WHAT WILL I PRACTICE?



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THE RHYTHMS OF JESUS

Discipleship Has A Practice

There are intentional practices for our daily lives that can align us to experience Him and express Him deeper. Rhythms are strong, repeated kingdom values, adopted to align us to be formed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

We call them “Rhythms” instead of values because if values are not practiced consistently, they are just good intentions. Jesus didn’t just say hear my words, He said put them into practice. Practicing the Rhythms of Jesus is how we encounter the presence of God, have deep roots in Jesus and partner with the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.

The book of Acts is a hand off from Jesus to the church to live and continue His life through praying these rhythms. As you read through Acts you will see how the early church were disciples that valued, embodied and portrayed these Rhythms of Jesus as an example for us today.



THE RHYTHMS OF JESUS

DYING - The Christ-Centered Life

Jesus declares that dying to self, dying to our agendas, dying to our preferences and ideals, and making Him the center of our lives actually leads to a full, abundant, and meaningful life.

LIVING - The Spirit-Filled Life

Instead of our feeble, inadequate, and debilitated striving, Jesus promised the provision of the Holy Spirit. He has provided us with an endless supply of His life being lived through us, and in spite of us, by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

IDENTIFYING - Baptism & Communion

Being a follower of Jesus means being a part of something bigger than our individual selves. Baptism and communion are sacred experiences that represent both the individual inward commitment to a personal relationship with Jesus and the corporate outward declaration of being connected to a local community of Christ followers, the local church.

ALIGNING - Prayer & Humility

Aligning is about creating space in our schedules to meet with God, giving Him permission to search our hearts and minds for any thought, feeling, or motive that is out of alignment with all that He desires for us.

CULTIVATING - Community with Others

As image-bearers of God, humanity was created to live in community. The church is in its greatest expression of love when we live in close proximity with each other as a community that gathers around the person of Jesus. Discipleship happens best in the context of relationships as we invite, invest, and inspire one another.



THE RHYTHMS OF JESUS

LEVERAGING - All That We Have

Leveraging all that we have for God's greater purpose is about realizing that all we have has been entrusted to us by God so we can play a part in His redemptive story for this world and my life.

BREATHING - The Word In & Through Us

The Bible is more than a how-to, self help book. Breathing God's Word is about taking a deep breath and inhaling all that He desires for us to absorb. At the same time, His Word is not intended to just remain in us but that we would exhale and share His message to those around us.

WORSHIPPING - Glorifying & Enjoying God

Worship is a lifestyle that permeates every aspect of our lives. Worship is seen in how we manage our money, how we run our businesses, how we parent our kids, how we respond to people, and how we manage our dreams and ambitions. The heart of worship is a heart that seeks God's presence and enjoys God for who He is and all that He has done for us.

NURTURING - Family on Mission

A family that serves God by being on His mission, changing the lives they touch as well as their own. As families pray together, discuss God's Word together, serve together and love a broken world together it empowers them to live out their faith side-by-side.

MULTIPLYING - Disciples That Make Disciples

Multiplying is the rhythm of intentionally investing the life of Jesus in others so they can follow Him faithfully and help others do the same. As the Holy Spirit reproduces the life of Christ through ordinary disciples, the gospel spreads from person to person, generation to generation, until every believer is living a sent life.



WEEK 1 - Acts 1

(September 6)

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 1

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 1:8

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 1:8

THEME

Jesus gives ordinary disciples an extraordinary mission and promises the power of the Holy Spirit to make them His witnesses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Jesus tell the disciples to wait before beginning the mission?
2. What does Acts 1:8 teach us about the relationship between the Holy Spirit and our witness?
3. What is the difference between simply knowing about Jesus and being His witness?
4. Where is your "Jerusalem" - the people and places God has already positioned you to influence?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Craft Your Testimony **IDENTIFYING**

- Write your testimony or faith story in three movements:
 - o **Before:** What was my life, identity, thinking, or direction like before Jesus became central?
 - o **Encounter:** How did I come to know, trust, or surrender to Jesus?
 - o **Since:** What is Jesus changing, healing, teaching, or forming in me now?
- Practice sharing it with someone in your discipleship group or cohort.
- Keep it to three minutes or less.

2. Identify Your Mission Field **STEPPING / MULTIPLYING**

- Identify:
 - o My Jerusalem: Who is already close to me?
 - o My Judea: Where do I regularly live, work, study, play, or serve?
 - o My Samaria: Who is outside my normal circle?
 - o My Ends of the Earth: Where might God use me beyond what is familiar?
- Choose one person from your Jerusalem and begin praying for them by name.

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WEEK 2 - Acts 2:1-41

(September 13)

WHEN THE SPIRIT FILLS THE ROOM

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 2:1-41

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:38

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 2:1-4, 37-41

THEME

The Holy Spirit empowers ordinary disciples to boldly proclaim Jesus, and the gospel calls people to repentance, faith, baptism, and a new identity in Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What changed when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples?
2. What was at the center of Peter's message?
3. Why were the listeners "cut to the heart," and how did they respond?
4. What does this passage teach us about the relationship between the Spirit's power and our witness?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Practice Daily Surrender **LIVING / ALIGNING**

- For seven mornings begin your day:
"Holy Spirit, fill me. Lead me. Change me. Use me today."
- Sit quietly and surrender your plans, conversations, schedule, and decisions to Him.

2. Identify With Jesus **IDENTIFYING**

- Ask yourself:
"Have I clearly and publicly identified myself with Jesus?"
If you have never been baptized as a believer, talk with a pastor or leader about taking that step. If you have, write a short response to:
"What did my baptism declare about who I belong to?"

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WEEK 3 - Acts 2:42-47

(September 20)

DEVOTED

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 2:42-47

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 2:42

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 2:42-47

THEME

Spirit-filled disciples do not merely make a decision for Jesus; the devote themselves to a shared way of life shaped by Scripture, prayer, meals, generosity, worship, and community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What four things did the believers devote themselves to?
2. What is the difference between attending church and being devoted to a community of disciples?
3. What does their generosity reveal about their relationships with God and one another?
4. Why do you think this kind of community resulted in people being added to their number daily?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Practice Acts 2 Community **CULTIVATING / BREATHING / ALIGNING**

- Invite someone to share a meal this week.
During the meal: Read a short passage of Scripture.
- Ask, "What is God teaching you?"
Share one area where you need prayer.
Pray together before leaving.

2. Practice Open-Handed Generosity **LEVERAGING / STEPPING**

- Identify one resource God has entrusted to you, money, food, your home, a vehicle, a skill, your time, or a connection.
- Find one real need and use that resource to help meet it.

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WEEK 4 - Acts 2:3

(September 27)

GIVE THEM WHAT YOU HAVE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 3

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 3:6

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 3:1-10

THEME

Spirit-filled disciples notice people others overlook and offer what they carry - the presence, compassion, and power of Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do Peter and John notice that others may have walked past?
2. What does Peter mean by "what I do have I give you"?
3. Why does Peter redirect attention toward Jesus?
4. What has God already placed in your life that could become a gift to someone else?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Notice the Person **STEPPING**

- Ask: "Who do I regularly see but rarely notice?"
- Learn someone's name, hear something about their story, and discover one way you could encourage or pray for them.

2. Give What You Have **LEVERAGING**

- Identify something God has already given you, time, prayer, encouragement, a skill, resources, hospitality, a connection, or testimony, and intentionally use it to serve one person.

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WEEK 5 - Acts 4

(October 4)

UNSILENCEABLE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 4

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 4:20

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 4:13, 19–20, 29–31

THEME

People who have truly been with Jesus become courageous witnesses whose convictions cannot easily be silenced.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What gave Peter and John such unusual courage?
2. What does it mean that people recognized they “had been with Jesus”?
3. Why did the church pray for boldness instead of protection?
4. What pressures tempt Christians today to remain silent about Jesus?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Pray for Boldness **ALIGNING**

- Pray Acts 4:29 every morning:
"Lord, enable your servant to speak your word with great boldness."
Then watch for an opportunity to act on the prayer.

2. Share What You've Seen and Heard **IDENTIFYING**

- Share one part of your testimony with someone this week:
"Can I tell you about something Jesus has done in my life?"

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WEEK 6 - Acts 5

(October 11)

YOU CAN'T FAKE THE FIRE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 5

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 5:29

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 5:1-11, 29

THEME

God's presence produces both extraordinary power and serious holiness, calling His people to integrity and courageous obedience.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the deeper sin behind Ananias and Sapphira's actions?
2. Why is this story significant in the middle of extraordinary church growth?
3. How can spiritual image management become dangerous?
4. What does "we must obey God rather than human beings" require of us?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Close the Integrity Gap **DYING / ALIGNING**

- Ask: "Where is there a gap between the person people see and the person God sees?"
- Identify one area and take one concrete step toward repentance and integrity.

2. Practice Confession **CULTIVATING**

- Tell one mature believer:
"Here is where I need greater honesty and obedience.
Will you pray for me and ask me about this again?"

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WEEK 7 - Acts 6

(October 18)

EVERYONE HAS A PART

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 6

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 6:4

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 6:1-7

THEME

A multiplying movement requires Spirit-filled people who share responsibility, meet real needs, and release others into ministry.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What problem emerged as the church grew?
2. Why didn't the apostles handle everything themselves?
3. What qualities were required of the new leaders?
4. What happened when ministry responsibility was distributed?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Find Your Contribution **STEPPING / LEVERAGING**

- Identify one specific need in your church, neighborhood, workplace, or community. Instead of waiting for someone else, take one step to help meet it.

2. Release Someone Else **MULTIPLYING**

- Identify a gift or strength in another person.
Tell them specifically what you see and encourage them to put it into practice.

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WEEK 8 - Acts 7

(October 25)

FAITHFUL TO THE END

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 7

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 7:60

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 7:54-60

THEME

Stephen demonstrates that faithfulness is not measured by avoiding opposition but by remaining like Jesus in the middle of it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What pattern of resistance to God does Stephen identify?
2. Why does his message provoke such hostility?
3. What does Stephen see as he faces death?
4. How does his response resemble Jesus?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Forgive Like Jesus **DYING**

- Identify someone you resent, avoid, or struggle to forgive.

Pray: "Jesus, help me want Your good for this person."

Where appropriate, take one step toward forgiveness or reconciliation.

2. Stand on Scripture **BREATHING**

- Choose one verse that strengthens you in a current difficulty.
- Write it somewhere visible and memorize it.

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WEEK 9 - Acts 8

(November 1)

SCATTERED BUT SENT

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 8

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 8:4

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 8:4, 26-40

THEME

What looks like disruption can become divine distribution when ordinary disciples carry Jesus wherever life sends them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did persecution unexpectedly advance the gospel?
2. What does Philip teach us about responding to the Spirit?
3. What barriers does the gospel cross?
4. How might God use disruption to redirect your mission?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Follow the Prompting **LIVING / ALIGNING**

- Each morning ask: "Holy Spirit, who do You want me to notice today?"
If someone comes to mind, move toward them.

2. Ask a Spiritual Question **STEPPING**

- Ask someone:
 "What do you believe about God?"
 or
 "What spiritual questions do you wish you had answers for?"
- Listen before trying to respond.

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WEEK 10 - Acts 9

(November 8)

NO ONE IS BEYOND GRACE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 9

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 9:15

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 9:3-6, 15

THEME

Jesus can transform His greatest opponents into His greatest witnesses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Saul's conversion teach us about grace?
2. Why was Ananias reluctant to obey?
3. What does Ananias teach us about seeing someone's potential rather than only their past?
4. How did encountering Jesus redirect Saul's life?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Pray for the Unlikely Person **ALIGNING**

- Write down one person you consider highly unlikely to follow Jesus. Pray for them every day for the next 30 days.

2. Be Ananias **NURTURING**

- Identify someone who is new to faith, spiritually curious, isolated, struggling, or overlooked. Reach out personally and encourage them.

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WEEK 11 - Acts 10

(November 15)

GOD IS BIGGER THAN YOUR BORDERS

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 10

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 10:34-35

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 10:34-35, 44-48

THEME

God confronts Peter's assumptions and demonstrates that the gospel is for every nation, culture, and kind of person.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What assumptions did God confront in Peter?
2. How did God prepare both Peter and Cornelius?
3. What does it mean that God does not show favoritism?
4. What boundaries might we unintentionally place around people God wants to reach?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Cross a Boundary **STEPPING**

- Share coffee, lunch, or a meaningful conversation with someone outside your normal social, cultural, generational, or ideological circle. Go primarily to listen and learn.

2. Identify Your Bias **DYING / ALIGNING**

- Ask: "Who have I decided is too different, difficult, or far from God?" Take one intentional step toward rather than away from them.

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WEEK 12 - Acts 11

(November 22)

WHEN GOD DOES SOMETHING NEW

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 11

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 11:23

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 11:19-26

THEME

Healthy disciples recognize God's activity in unexpected places and respond by encouraging, discipling, and strengthening what He is doing.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why was Peter initially criticized?
2. What convinced the believers that God was working among Gentiles?
3. What made Barnabas such an important leader?
4. Why did Antioch become such a significant church?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Become a Barnabas **NURTURING**

- Identify one person whose faith is developing.

Tell them specifically: "I see God doing _____ in you. Keep going."

2. Invest in Someone **MULTIPLYING**

- Invite someone younger or newer in faith to meet with you to read Scripture, pray, and talk about following Jesus.
- Put an actual date on the calendar.

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WEEK 13 - Acts 12

(January 3)

PRISON DOORS DON'T LIMIT GOD

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 12

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 12:5

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 12:5

THEME

Human power has limits, but God's sovereignty does not, so His people respond to impossible circumstances with persistent prayer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What contrast do you see between Herod and the praying church?
2. What does Peter's release reveal about God's power?
3. What does the church's reaction to answered prayer reveal about us?
4. What does Herod's downfall teach us about pride and glory?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Establish a Prayer Target **ALIGNING**

- Write down one situation beyond your ability to fix.

For seven days pray: "God, here is specifically what I'm trusting You to do..."

Record what God does, changes, or teaches you.

2. Fast and Pray Together **CULTIVATING / ALIGNING**

- Take a digital break or fast.

Ask two or three other people to join you and share what you are learning during that time.

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WEEK 14 - Acts 13

(January 10)

SENT BY THE SPIRIT

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 13

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 13:2

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 13:1-3

THEME

A Spirit-led church worships, listens, releases, and sends people into God's mission.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the church doing when the Holy Spirit spoke?
2. Why is their willingness to release Barnabas and Saul significant?
3. What role did worship, prayer, and fasting play?
4. What does this chapter teach us about becoming a sent people?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Listen Before You Move **ALIGNING / WORSHIPPING**

- Set aside 30 uninterrupted minutes and ask:
"Holy Spirit, where are You sending me in this season?"
Write down what consistently comes to mind.

2. Commission Someone **MULTIPLYING**

- Identify someone whose calling or gifting you see.
Pray for them personally and tell them specifically how you believe God could use them.

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WEEK 15 - Acts 14

(January 18)

EVERYONE HAS A PART

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 14

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 14:22

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 14:21-23

THEME

Mission does not end when someone believes; disciples must be strengthened, formed, equipped, and released.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What enabled Paul and Barnabas to persevere?
2. Why did they return to places where they had experienced opposition?
3. What is the difference between gaining converts and making disciples?
4. Why did they develop leaders in every church?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Start a Discipleship Relationship **MULTIPLYING**

- Choose one person and ask:
"Would you meet with me once a week for four weeks to read Scripture, pray, and talk about following Jesus?"

2. Strengthen Someone **NURTURING**

- Ask a believer who is struggling:
"What is making it hardest for you to follow Jesus faithfully right now?"
Listen, pray, and help them identify one next step.

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WEEK 16 - Acts 15

(January 24)

DON'T ADD TO GRACE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 15

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 15:11

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 15:10-11

THEME

The early church protects the gospel by refusing to add religious performance to the grace of Jesus while pursuing truth and unity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was really at stake in the circumcision debate?
2. Why is adding requirements to grace dangerous?
3. How did the leaders discern God's direction together?
4. How can we hold convictions without creating unnecessary barriers?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Separate Scripture From Preference **BREATHING**

- Make two columns: Biblical Conviction | Personal Preference
Identify one preference you may have unintentionally treated as a biblical requirement.

2. Practice Listening in Disagreement **CULTIVATING**

- Have a conversation with someone you disagree with.
Before giving your position, ask three sincere questions to understand theirs.

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WEEK 17 - Acts 16

(January 31)

GOD GUIDES MOVING PEOPLE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 16

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 16:31

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 16:6-10, 25-34

THEME

Spirit-led disciples remain flexible enough to be redirected and faithful enough to worship when obedience becomes painful.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did God redirect Paul's plans?
2. What does Timothy's inclusion teach us about developing others?
3. Why could Paul and Silas worship in prison?
4. How did God use their suffering for someone else's salvation?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Surrender Your Plan **ALIGNING**

- Write down one plan or expectation you're holding tightly.

Pray: "Jesus, this belongs to You. Redirect me if You choose."

2. Worship Before the Door Opens **WORSHIPPING**

- Choose one unresolved difficulty and spend ten minutes worshipping God before anything changes.

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WEEK 18 - Acts 17

(February 7)

SAME GOSPEL. DIFFERENT AUDIENCE.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 17

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 17:28

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 17:22-31

THEME

Faithful witnesses never change the gospel, but they learn to communicate eternal truth in ways different people can understand.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Paul's approach change with different audiences?
2. What does Paul learn about the Athenians before addressing them?
3. Where does he affirm their culture, and where does he challenge it?
4. How can we contextualize the gospel without compromising it?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Learn Before You Speak **STEPPING**

- Ask someone who doesn't share your faith:
"What has most shaped what you believe about God or spirituality?"
Listen without correcting them.

2. Explain the Gospel Simply **IDENTIFYING**

- Write a 60-second explanation of the gospel using language someone with no church background could understand.

RHYTHMS REFLECTION

Which rhythms do I see in the text, and how can I implement one in my life this week?

LOOK FOR:

- Dying • Living • Breathing • Aligning • Worshipping • Identifying
- Cultivating • Nurturing • Stepping • Leveraging • Multiplying

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WEEK 19 - Acts 18-19

(February 14)

DISCIPLES WHO CHANGE CITIES

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 18-19

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 19:20

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 18:24-28, 19:18-20

THEME

The gospel multiplies through intentional discipleship until transformed people begin transforming the culture around them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do Priscilla and Aquila teach us about developing another disciple?
2. What does Apollos' response teach us about humility and teachability?
3. What evidence of genuine repentance appears in Ephesus?
4. Why did the gospel eventually threaten the economic and cultural systems of the city?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Find Your Apollos **NURTURING / MULTIPLYING**

- Identify one person you could help grow.

Invite them to read Scripture with you and ask:

- o What stands out?
- o What is Jesus showing us?
- o What should we do about it?

2. Make Repentance Tangible **DYING / WORSHIPPING**

- Identify one habit, possession, practice, or allegiance competing with Jesus. Take a decisive action:

Delete it, remove it, cancel it, confess it, give it away, establish a boundary, or redirect the resource toward God's purposes.

RHYTHMS REFLECTION

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WEEK 20 - Acts 20

(February 21)

LIVE A LIFE WORTH FOLLOWING

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 20

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 20:24

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 20:18-24, 28

THEME

Lasting spiritual leadership is built through humility, courage, sacrifice, perseverance, and commitment to finishing God's assignment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What characteristics of Paul's life does he remind the elders about?
2. What does Paul mean by finishing his race?
3. Why does he tell leaders to watch themselves as well as the flock?
4. If someone imitated your current way of following Jesus, where would it lead them?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Invite Honest Feedback **DYING / CULTIVATING**

- Ask someone who knows you well:
"If you followed Jesus exactly the way I do, what would you want to imitate and what would concern you?"
Listen without defending yourself.

2. Name Your Timothy **MULTIPLYING**

- Write down the name of one person you want to intentionally invest in over the next year and schedule your first conversation.
- Put an actual date on the calendar.

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WEEK 21 - Acts 21-22

(February 28)

FAITHFUL WHEN MISUNDERSTOOD

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 21-22

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 22:15

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 21:10-14; 22:6-21

THEME

Faithful disciples obey Jesus even when obedience is costly, misunderstood, or leads directly into opposition.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Paul continue toward Jerusalem despite the cost?
2. What is the difference between recklessness and costly obedience?
3. Why does Paul tell his testimony when given the opportunity?
4. How can your story become a tool for sharing Jesus?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Refine Your Testimony **IDENTIFYING**

- Return to the testimony you wrote:
 - o Who I was.
 - o How Jesus met me.
 - o Who I am becoming.
- Practice telling it again naturally in three minutes.

2. Share Your Story **IDENTIFYING / STEPPING**

- Ask one person:
"Have I ever told you how my faith became personal to me?"
Then share your story conversationally.

RHYTHMS REFLECTION

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WEEK 22 - Acts 23-24

(March 7)

COURAGE UNDER PRESSURE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 23-24

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 23:11

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 23:11

THEME

When circumstances become uncertain, God's presence and promises give disciples courage to remain faithful under pressure.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Jesus' encouragement to Paul reveal about His presence in suffering?
2. How does Paul demonstrate wisdom while navigating opposition?
3. What does Felix's response reveal about delaying our response to truth?
4. How can we remain faithful when God's purposes seem hidden?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Memorize the Promise **BREATHING**

- Memorize Acts 23:11 and return to Jesus' words "Take courage!" Whenever fear, uncertainty, or opposition rises.

2. Stop Delaying Obedience **DYING / ALIGNING**

- Ask: "What has God already shown me that I keep putting off?" Identify the next concrete action and complete it within 48 hours.

RHYTHMS REFLECTION

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WEEK 23 - Acts 25-26

(March 14)

WITNESS BEFORE KINGS

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 25-26

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 26:18

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 26:16-18, 28-29

THEME

Every platform, even accusation, opposition, and imprisonment - can become an opportunity to tell people about Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Paul turn his defense into an opportunity to proclaim Jesus?
2. Why is personal testimony such a powerful form of witness?
3. What does Paul's response to Agrippa reveal about his heart for people?
4. How might God use a difficult circumstance as a platform for your witness?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Turn Your Circumstance Into a Platform **STEPPING**

- Identify one place where you feel stuck, overlooked, opposed, frustrated, or inconvenienced.
- Ask: "How could I represent Jesus here instead of merely trying to escape?" Take one specific action.

2. Tell Someone Why You Believe **IDENTIFYING**

- Ask someone:
"Would you ever want to hear why I actually believe in Jesus?"
If they say yes, share your story rather than starting with an argument.

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WEEK 24 - Acts 27-28

(March 21)

UNSTOPPABLE

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 27-28

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 28:31

KEY PASSAGE

Acts 27:23-25; 28:30-31

THEME

Storms, shipwrecks, suffering, chains, and empires cannot stop the mission of God when His people remain faithful to carry the gospel forward.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What enables Paul to remain confident during the storm?
2. How does Paul's faith affect the people around him?
3. How does God continue using Paul despite every obstacle?
4. Why is "with all boldness and without hindrance" such a fitting ending to Acts?

CHALLENGES / APPLICATIONS

1. Build Your Mission Map **STEPPING / MULTIPLYING**

- Write down the people God has placed around you in five areas:
 - o Home
 - o Work / School
 - o Neighborhood
 - o Church / Community
 - o Recreation / Relationships
- Put at least one person's name in each area.
Circle one person you will intentionally pursue.

2. Take a Multiplication Step **MULTIPLYING**

- Choose one concrete action:
 - o Invite someone to read Scripture with you.
 - o Begin a discipleship relationship.
 - o Start a group.
 - o Share your testimony.
 - o Host a meal.
 - o Serve with someone.
 - o Invite someone into Christian community.
 - o Help another believer begin discipling someone else.
- Do it within the next seven days.

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THE MOVEMENT CONTINUES

THE GOSPEL KEEPS MOVING.

Acts begins with Jesus saying:

“You will be my witnesses...” ACTS 1:8

Acts ends with Paul:

“Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ - with all boldness and without hindrance.”

ACTS 28:31

RECEIVE HIS POWER.

BECOME HIS WITNESS.

LIVE HIS RHYTHMS.

MAKE DISCIPLES.

MULTIPLY THE MOVEMENT.

FINISH THE RACE.

We aren't studying Acts simply to discover what the early Church did. We're studying Acts to rediscover what the Church is called to be.

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