

NT101: A Survey of the New Testament

Week of February 14th

Acts: The Power of the Spirit

Hear THE Word:

Doing _____ and _____ as if God actually exists is _____.

	Luke	Acts
Written by	A Traveling Doctor	A Traveling Doctor
Written to	A Greek Dignitary	A Greek Dignitary
The Theme	The Humanity of Jesus	The Power of the Spirit
Key Verse	Luke 19:10	Acts 1:8

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Acts 1-2: We Will Receive _____

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

Acts 3-28: We Will Be His _____

1. Acts 3-7: We Will Be His Witnesses in _____

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

2. Acts 8-12: We Will Be His Witnesses in all _____, and _____

Then Peter said, "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

Acts 10:47

3. Acts 13-28: We Will Be His Witnesses to the ends of the _____

Acts 13-14: The Church in Galatia

Acts 18: The Church in Corinth

Acts 16: The Church in Philippi

Acts 19-20: The Church in Ephesus

Acts 17: The Church in Thessalonica

Acts 28: The Church in Rome

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 28:30-31

4. Acts 29: We Will Be His Witnesses in _____?

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Acts: The Power of The Spirit (cont.)

Read THE Word:

- Sunday, February 14th: Acts 1-4
- Monday, February 15th: Acts 5-8
- Tuesday, February 16th: Acts 9-12
- Wednesday, February 17th: Acts 13-16
- Thursday, February 18th: Acts 17-20
- Friday, February 19th: Acts 21-24
- Saturday, February 20th: Acts 25-28

Study THE Word:

Open: In Atlanta, there is a church called "The Perfect Church." Before you attended it, what would "The Perfect Church" be like? (After you attended it, they would have to change its name!)

Read: Have someone read the description of "The Perfect Church" in Acts 2:42-47. (See if you can find all five of BridgeWay's Kingdom Expressions—Missional, Worship, Formation, Justice and Power.)

Study:

1. Luke describes the church in Acts chapter 2 as "devoted" in v. 42. What does the word devoted actually mean, and to what things were the people devoted?
2. By and large, would you say the people who attend BridgeWay are devoted? Which of the four devotions described in v. 42 are strengths for our church? Which are weaknesses?
3. What would it be like to attend a church where "everyone was filled with awe?" (v. 43) To be filled with awe, does there always need to be signs and wonders, or are there other ways?
4. Here in Hamilton County, what would it take for a church like BridgeWay to "enjoy the favor of all the people," and to have the Lord add to our "number daily those who were being saved"?
5. To be like the church described in Acts 2:42-47, why is important for us at BridgeWay to "do church as if God actually exists"? How would doing so change the way you do church?
6. As a group, what are some tangible ways you can be Jesus' witnesses to your Jerusalem (e.g. local suburbs), Judea and Samaria (e.g. urban areas), and ends of the earth? (e.g. overseas)

Pray: Share your prayer requests with each other, then be sure to pray as if God actually exists!

Memorize THE Word:

The Power of the Spirit: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Meditate on THE Word:

This week, meditate on Acts 1:8 and how the Holy Spirit can empower your witness.