

Acts of the Apostles

Spring 2022

Bible Study, Faith Sharing, Reflection and Prayer

Schedule

All the sessions will begin at 7:00pm, hospitality and conversation at 6:45.



March 30, Acts 1:1-2:13

1. Let us begin this Bible Study by believing that we are Theophilus and Luke is writing this to each of us. Look for messages for you, for our church, for this nation and for the world.
2. Most adult Catholics are confirmed. What do you remember of your confirmation. What difference has it made in your life? Would you consider asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you and guide you this day?
3. **Witness** is an interesting term. We often think that it means seeing something. In this case (1:8) Luke is suggesting witness is the disciples giving testimony about Jesus. We too have the invitation to witness. How can you witness to your family? Could you witness on your social media account(s), your circle of friends? Invite the Spirit to inspire you.
4. Compare the two Ascensions (Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:9-10). Describe what is the same, and what is different.
5. Luke continues his story by having the early followers gathering together and making a church community. How is your community of faith like that of the first followers of Jesus (1:13-14)?
6. How many people were present to choose Judas' successor?
7. There are few descriptors for the Holy Spirit, which ones were mentioned in Acts 2:14, and how many others do you know?
8. Now a days we have immediate translations of important speeches. However, the words seemed to come out of the mouths of the first believers and the Holy Spirit

made those words understandable to others. If you experienced such an event, would you have believed? Would you have risked punishment and chose baptism?



April 6, Acts 2:14-3:26

1. Joel speaks of the last days. Peter says they are living in the last days. Is it possible the last days are the day of AD Anno Domini?
2. Death could not hold on to Jesus. What do you believe about life after death?
3. Enemies are footstools. Are we the footstool of Russian or are they are ours, or something else?
4. Three thousand people were added on that day. At La Placita approximately 300 are baptized each weekend.
5. What is the difference between equality and equitability?
6. Pete was able to heal in the name of Jesus. What miracles have you witnessed?

April 13, No Session

April 20, Acts 4:1-5:42

1. Jesus often, when challenged, use questions to answer questions. Is Peter using this tactic? (4:8-12)
2. Why was it important to mention the cured man's age? (4:22)
3. Could you sell what you have and place it at the foot of the church?
4. Do you feel anything for Ananias and Sapphira? (5:1-11)
5. Why would fear be used to control the people (5:11)
6. Have you ever told a lie and then just wanted to die because of the deception?
7. If you were cured of an infirmity would you want to join this band of disciples?
8. If there any person you would consider to be like Gamaliel? Who and what have they shared that made sense? (5:33-42) Do you think Pope Francis is like Gamaliel.
9. How do we know our projects are of God? (5:38-39)

April 27, Acts 6:1-8:3

1. Perhaps Stephen was the first deacon, called to service. How are our deacons called like that of Stephen (6:3:6)

2. Stephan seems more like a preacher than a deacon server. He retold the whole story of Abraham and Moses. Some of the words are exactly like those found in Genesis and Exodus.
3. How can a heart be uncircumcised? (7:51)
4. Stoning was a more Jewish way of capital Punishment, Crucifixion was a Roman way that they learned from the Persians. Will Capital punishment always be necessary?
5. Why was Saul so vicious about imprisoning followers of The Way?

May 4, Acts 8:4-9:42

1. Philip when to Samaria, Why? they were enemies of the Jews?
2. What about Simon the Magician? Why were the apostles so hard on him? Was Simon just ignorant when he asked for the gifts of the Spirit? What do you suppose happened to him?
3. Philip had to explain the scriptures to the Ethiopian. This Ethiopian did not seem to have knowledge of the Jewish Scriptures. Who could we share the good news of Jesus with? What culture knows nothing or little of the Christian way of life?
4. Saul was attempting to capture more "Christians" why was he so interested in stopping this band of followers?
5. Saul was blinded by his experience in Damascus. Was it physical blindness or something else?(9:3-9)
6. Would you want Ananias' job? Would you have laid hands on Saul?
7. Was Saul a quick study or did Jesus quickly teach Saul everything?
8. Luke suggests that Christianity grew because of peace. Doesn't fear work better, at getting converts?(9:31)
9. Jesus' most amazing sign in Johns Gospel is the raising of Lazarus. Peter, using the name of Jesus, is able to do likewise. Why can we not do miracles like this anymore or can we?

May 11, Acts 10:1-11:30

May 18, Acts 12:1-13:52

May 25, Acts 14:1-15:35

June 1, Acts 15:36-17:34

June 8, Acts 18:1-19:40

June 15, Acts 20:1-21:40

June 22, Acts 22:1-23:35

June 29, Acts 24:1-25:27

July 6, Acts 26:1-27:44

July 13, Acts 28:1-31

July 20, Colossians 1:1-14

July 27, Colossians 1:15-2:23

August 3, Colossians 3:1-4:18

Week 3 Luke 2:41-4:15