

EXPLORER'S BIBLE STUDY
The Acts of the Apostles
Session 1: Introduction to the Book of Acts – Student Notes
Heritage Church, Van Buren, Arkansas
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Memory verse: Isaiah 53:6 (New King James Version)

*⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Attribute of God: God is POWERFUL!

AIM: To teach that God wants His people to share the Good News about Jesus!

INTRO: WITHOUT GOD, WE _____! WITHOUT US HE _____!

1. THE AUTHORSHIP of ACTS:

- a. Who wrote the book of Acts?
- b. What other book did he write
- c.. About LUKE: Col. 4:14, 2 Timothy 4:11, Luke 1:1-4

When was the Gospel of Luke written?

When was the Book of Acts written?

d. What are the MAIN THEMES of ACTS:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

e. To whom did he write this book?

f. What does this name mean?

**2. What is the main reason Luke wrote his first book, the Gospel of Luke?
See Acts 1:1-2**

3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ACTS?

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE GOSPELS AND ACTS:

<u>GOSPELS</u>	<u>ACTS</u>
1. Jesus offers His LIFE!	1. Jesus offers His _____!
2. Original “seeds” of the church are planted: “I will build My church” (Matt. 16:13)	2. The Church _____ and _____.
3. Christ is crucified, risen, and ascended.	3. Christ is seated in the heavenlies and exalted as head of the _____.
4. We see a personal model of true Christianity (JESUS).	4. We see human examples of that life fleshed out in ordinary men and women. (_____).
5. The emphasis is on Christ.	5. The emphasis is on the _____.
6. In the Gospels we see the life that Christ lived qualified Him for the death He died (for us).	6. In Acts, the death Jesus died _____ us for the _____ that He lived!

4. OUTLINING of ACTS:

**A. The Church is _____ at Jerusalem (2 years) Chapters 1-7
--city evangelism**

**B. The Church is _____ to Judea and Samaria Chapters 8-12
--home missions, 13 years ... surrounding countryside ... Key verse: Acts 8:1**

**C. The Church is _____ to the remotest part of the earth.
Acts 13: 1-3, --Foreign missions, 15 years ... --Acts 28:3**

5. APPLYING the Book of ACTS: Resembles our own Christian development ...

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

DISCUSS: In what stage or season are you right now?

6. Back to Chapter Acts 1:1-11

A. What were the commandments Jesus gave to his disciples before he ascended? Luke 24:46-49, Acts 1:4-8

B. HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED WHAT YOU WERE DOING AND WAITED UNTIL GOD CLOTHED YOU WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH? If so, what happened? If not, what do you think would happen? How would you go about stopping and waiting? --Will you?

C. Indwelling and Infilling ...
Romans 8:9, John 3:3 John 20:21-22:

The indwelling is the Holy Spirit coming to live inside you to give you the _____
_____:

The infilling is the Holy Spirit coming upon you to give you the _____
to be Jesus' witness. Power is "the ability to do."

We are called not to be his _____, but to be his _____!!
Acts 1:8

7. THE BOOK OF ACTS REMAINS _____!

When it comes to the book of Acts, you and I are the _____ of the
_____!