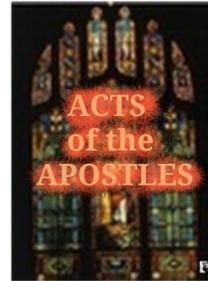


Ways to do the church-wide Acts Bible Study

1. Use this insert by yourself or with a partner.
 - Commit to spending 1 hour each week
 - Consider partnering with someone to whom you are not related
2. Form a small group to discuss the questions together
3. Come to the retreat on Saturday, January 30 from 9-3 and watch the Bible on video and talk about it with others. Lunch included.
4. Use the online Bible Study at www.StPetersSaints.com
 - Find the Practicing our Faith page and then click on Reading the Bible

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DISCOVERING OUR MISSION

CHURCH-WIDE STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Insert #7

Barnabas and Saul/Paul ordained and sent on the first missionary journey,

After being within the church for some time, Barnabas and Saul were set apart by fasting, prayer, and the laying on of hands (now called ordination) for apostolic mission. They journeyed across the Mediterranean Sea to modern-day Turkey, where there were both Jews and Gentile God-fearing people. Supported by prayer and fasting and the power of the Holy Spirit, they preached in the synagogues and to all who would hear. They were invited for further conversation and many came to faith in Jesus.

Their preaching also stirred up controversy because it challenged the way things had always been. Sometimes political forces were against them and their lives were in danger. But they kept on praying and preaching and teaching, and the church grew.

When they returned to the church in Antioch, there was much rejoicing over all that God had accomplished through them.

- Pray first, act second.
- Go when you are sent — not on your own power, but in the power of God
- Go with others — don't go it alone
- If you are not sent, pray for those who are.
- Rejoice in what God is doing!

Week 7
STUDY GUIDE

Read: Acts chapters 13-14

For Reflection:

1. Chapter 13 begins by naming some of the disciples in Antioch. How diverse was that congregation?
2. Why do you think Barnabas and Paul were sent together?
3. How is the ministry stronger with two doing it?
3. By what authority did Saul/Paul rebuke the sorcerer? What happened?
4. What kind of encouragement did Paul give to the synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia?
5. When Paul and Barnabas were rejected and run out of town, what did those who had come to faith in Jesus do?
6. How did Paul and Barnabas go from being hailed as gods to being stoned and left for dead?
7. Who were they echoing when they told the believers they must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of heaven?
8. What did they do upon their return to Antioch in Syria?

Go Deeper:

1. Whom has God gathered to hear the Good News of Jesus with us?
2. How does the Holy Spirit give us opportunity to share our faith?
3. Why does the preaching cause joy in some people and anger in others?
4. What encouragement do we get from Paul's sermons?
5. When was the last time you invited someone to speak words of encouragement from God to you?
6. What does this Word suggest for the life of St. Peter's

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Acts Chapters 13-14

Write your responses to the following questions and tear off this page and leave it in the Response Box at church, OR leave them on the feedback page of the Pathways for Faith website, OR e-mail them to Chris Kann qcic5131@comcast.net.

1. What is God doing in these two chapters?
2. What are people doing in these two chapters? (sometimes at odds with God)
3. What lessons are here for the church in that day?
4. What lessons are here for the church today?
5. What is this telling us about a possible vision purpose for our ministry?