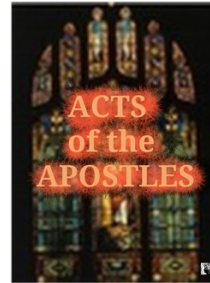


Ways to do the church-wide Acts Bible Study

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. 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 #9

Trouble in Thessalonica, Salvation in Berea, Paul goes to Athens, then Corinth

Paul and Silas preached in the synagogue in Thessalonica, but a mob rose up against them. They went to Berea where the Jews heard them out and many came to faith. Paul traveled to Athens and preached the resurrection in the Areopagus to Gentiles. Some came to faith.

From there, Paul went to Corinth and the Jews there rejected the message, so he shook the dust off his feet and went to preach to the Gentiles instead. Many of them came to faith. Paul stayed there for a year and a half before the Jews turned him over to the authorities. But the court refused to hear the case, and so the Jews turned against themselves.

Paul went to Syria, got a haircut, and then returned to Antioch to report on the work and to encourage the believers in Galatia and Phrygia.

The Gospel goes to Ephesus through an Alexandrian converted Jew named Apollos.

- Not everyone wants to hear the truth
- Just because people gripe doesn't mean we should stop preaching
- God supports us when we do his will
- We need others to help us see the big picture

Week 9
STUDY GUIDE

Read: Acts chapters 17-18

For Reflection:

1. Of what was Paul trying to persuade the Jews in Thessalonica?
2. Who believed him?
3. Why did the Jewish leaders attack Jason?
4. What does the Bible say about the Jewish leaders in Berea?
3. Why did Paul have to leave Berea?
4. What did the philosophers in Athens want?

Go Deeper:

1. How can Paul's persistence encourage us?
2. What can we learn about Paul's sermon in Athens?
3. When we hear something that is different from what we were taught, how can we discover what is true?
4. What does this Word suggest for the life of St. Peter's

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Acts Chapters 17-18

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?