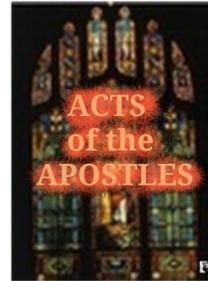


Ways to do the church-wide Acts Bible Study

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 #10

Missionary Journey #3, Ephesians are baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, an evil spirit fights back, Passover in Philippi, Paul continues teaching and says final goodbye to Ephesus, and heads for Pentecost in Jerusalem

Paul discovers that baptism by water and the Holy Spirit had not yet reached everyone in Ephesus, so they believed in Jesus and received the Holy Spirit. Paul stayed there and taught in synagogues and lecture halls so that both Jews and Gentiles heard the Gospel. God gave Paul the power to perform miracles.

People trying to cast out evil spirits in their own name discover that the name of Jesus is more powerful. Many sorcerers repent and follow Jesus.

Paul went from city to city preaching and teaching for hours and days on end. People were dying to hear him. He commended the Ephesian believers to those who would follow him and encouraged them to remain faithful.

- Even where the Gospel has been preached, there are some who have not heard it
- Spreading the faith entails risk and suffering
- God gives power to those who believe.
- Leadership transitions are difficult.

Week 10
STUDY GUIDE

Read: Acts chapters 19-20

For Reflection:

1. Where did Paul get his power?
2. What was the name of his assistant?
3. What was the new teaching of Jesus known as?
4. Why did the silversmiths riot?
3. Why did Paul change his travel plans?
4. What did the philosophers in Athens want?
5. How did Paul help Eutychus?
6. What is the one message Paul had for everyone?

Go Deeper:

1. Who are we in this story — apostles, assistants, eager hearers, those whose lives are changed?
2. What does Paul's goodbye to the leaders of the Ephesus church teach us about the role of pastors and what preaching should be?
3. Why did Paul spend so much time preaching and teaching?
4. What does this Word suggest for the life of St. Peter's

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Acts Chapters 19-20

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?