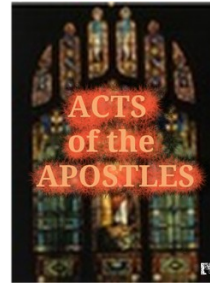


Ways to do the church-wide Acts Bible Study

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 #11

Paul makes his way back to Jerusalem, faces riots and death threats, tells his story

After leaving Ephesus, Paul and his companions sailed back to Syria and made their way down the coast, stopping to spend time with believers along the way. Some prophesied that going to Jerusalem would be dangerous for him and begged him not to go, but he would not be deterred.

James, the leader of the Jerusalem church urged Paul to show that he still kept the Jewish ways, but that started a riot and Paul was arrested. Then he told his story of encounter with Jesus and how he came to be sent to the Gentiles. He was rejected.

Paul was held for interrogation, but appealed to his Roman citizenship to be freed from bondage. He was called to testify before the Jewish High Council.

- Suffering is part of discipleship
- Opposition to the Gospel is to be expected
- Faith does not protect believers from rejection by unbelievers
- Believers are often called to testify to their faith

Week 11
STUDY GUIDE

Read: Acts chapters 21-22

For Reflection:

1. Why did Paul want to go to Jerusalem?
2. Why didn't other believers want him to go?
3. Why did Paul pay for the Nazirite vows of 4 men?
4. Was Paul well-received in Jerusalem?
3. Who else had an experience like Paul's in Jerusalem?
4. Why was the commander afraid of Paul?
5. What was the Jewish High Council supposed to do?

Go Deeper:

1. How does the church today experience suffering because of the Gospel?
2. How does telling our story make a difference?
3. How might Paul have played it safe?
4. What does this Word suggest for the life of St. Peter's

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Acts Chapters 21-22

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?