

The People of God in Mission—The Book of Acts

Reading the book of Acts is a wonderful way to discover and share the life-transforming power of the Gospel. Of the early church the Life with God Bible says, “God himself is inhabiting and living in them, giving them power to proclaim fearlessly the message of Jesus’ resurrection to everyone they meet.”

And so for us today, by reading Acts devotionally we can discover afresh the life transforming power of the Gospel. New life will so affect our hearts that we can’t help but share the life-saving message with others. Not on our own strength but by God’s power, Holy Spirit strength, we will be guided in mission.

This spiritual disciplines folder is designed to surround Sunday morning worship around daily scripture reading and prayer. In this portion of Acts, we are following the missionary journeys of Paul. We can see the tremendous story of faith as the Gospel was spread and how Paul bore witness to Christ Jesus.

We can take this tremendous message of Christ out into our worlds at school, factory, grocery, sports event, and all. Wherever we go we can live and proclaim the Gospel. If the book of Acts shows us anything, the occasions to share the Gospel and be in mission will appear right before us in daily life.

To let the Gospel speak, find a quiet prayer place to go on a regular basis and have your Bible with folder readied for your time apart. Pour out any concerns to God and begin by reading the text. Re-read it for any word or phrase that catches your attention, and meditate upon that thought. Be still; listen to how God speaks.

Take that scripture into your day. Often you will find an experience where that scripture can guide you. Follow the leading you receive to be in mission. In this folder is an insert where you are invited to take the next incremental step in spiritual growth. By being intentional in this period, you can grow spiritually



Sunday - October 14 - “Unworthy to Untie His sandals” Acts 13: 13-25 (Paul’s 1st journey started in Acts 13:4)

- 10/15 Acts 13:26-41 – “Everyone who believes is set free from..”
- 10/16 Acts 13:42-52 – “And the disciples were filled with joy...”
- 10/17 Acts 14:1-7 – “Speaking boldly for the Lord”
- 10/18 Acts 14:8-20 – “Turn...to the living God”
- 10/19 Acts 14:21-28 – “How God had opened a door of faith”
- 10/20 Acts 15:1-5 – “And brought great joy to all believers”

Sunday - October 21 - “Saved Through the Grace of the Lord Jesus” - Acts 15:6-21

- 10/22 Acts 15:22-35 – “They taught and proclaimed the word...”
- 10/23 Acts 15:36-40 – “Commending him to the grace of the Lord”
(Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey starts in Acts 15:39)
- 10/24 Acts 16:1-10 – “Come over to Macedonia and help us”
- 10/25 Acts 16:11-15 – “The Lord opened her heart to listen...”
- 10/26 Acts 16:16-24 – “And fastened their feet to the stocks”
- 10/27 Acts 16:25-40 – “He and his entire family was baptized”

Sunday - October 28 - “Turning the world Upside Down” Acts 17:1-9

- 10/29 Acts 17:10-15 – “They welcomed the message very eagerly”
- 10/30 Acts 17:16-28 – “In him we live... move and have our being”
- 10/31 Acts 17:29-34 – “But some joined him and became believers”
- 11/1 Acts 18:1-11 – “Do not be afraid, but speak, do not be silent”
- 11/2 Acts 18:12-23 – “Strengthening all the disciples”
(Paul’s 3rd Missionary Journey starts in Acts 18:23)
- 11/3 Acts 18:24-28 – “He greatly helped those who...believe”

Sunday - November 4, “Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” - Acts 19:1-10

- 11/5 Acts 19:11-20 – “So the word of the Lord grew mightily...”
- 11/6 Acts 19:21-27 – “Paul resolved in the Spirit to go through...”
- 11/7 Acts 19:28-41 – “He dismissed the assembly”
- 11/8 Acts 20:1-6 – “After encouraging them”
- 11/9 Acts 20:7-12 – “after he had broken bread and eaten”
- 11/10 Acts 20:13-24 – “ministry...to testify to the good news...”

Sunday - November 11 - “It is More Blessed to Give than to receive” - Acts 20:25-38

- 11/12 Acts 21:1-16 – “The Lord’s will be done”
11/13 Acts 21:17-26 – “The things that God had done”
11/14 Acts 21:27-36 – “Stirred up the whole crowd”
11/15 Acts 21:37-22: 5 – “May I say something to you?”
11/16 Acts 22:6-16 – “Get up and be baptized...calling on his name”
11/17 Acts 22:17-29 – Paul sent to the Gentiles

**Sunday - November 18 - “Keep Up Your Courage”
Acts 22:30-23:11**

- 11/19 Acts 23:12-22 – “And we are ready to do away with him”
11/20 Acts 23:23-35 – “Then he ordered that he be kept under guard”
11/21 Acts 24:1-9 – “And the Jews also joined in the charge...”
11/22 Acts 24:10-21 – “I cheerfully make my defense”
11/23 Acts 24:22-26 – “Heard him speak concerning faith in Christ
Jesus”
11/24 Acts 24:27-25:12 – “if there is anything wrong about the man”

Sunday - November 25 - “Faith Under Trial” - Acts 25:13-27

- 11/26 Acts 26:1-18 – Paul tells of his conversion
11/27 Acts 26:19-32 – Paul appeals to Agrippa to believe
11/28 Acts 27:1-12 – “We sailed under the lee of Cyprus”
(Paul’s 4th Journey begins in Acts 27:1)
11/29 Acts 27:13- 44 – A storm at sea “safely to land”
11/30 Acts 28:1-16 – Paul at Rome “Paul thanked God...”
12/1 Acts 28:17-31 – “Proclaiming the kingdom of God...”

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