

Fall 2018 Acts Bible Study Info-sheet

Before we begin

1. Go over the ground rules and format for each meeting
2. Answer questions about the texts
3. Begin our first study.

Ground Rules

1. Silence is an opportunity to hear God speak: participants are invited to observe 10 seconds of silence between sharing personal reflections
2. Speak for yourself: Avoid responding to other's comments, including agreement. Use "I" rather than "we" when possible. *For example: "I think the passage is calling me to pray more" is better than "We all need to pray more."*
3. Respect fellow group member's experiences and perspectives: God made us in a wonderful variety. Each person in the group was placed there by God to show you something about Creation. Respect each person's dignity in our conversations.
4. Try to listen rather than get ready to speak: When people are speaking, listen to them. Try to avoid mentally rehearsing your response.
5. All of us are responsible for following the ground rules. While the group leader may draw you back to the conversation, it is each person's responsibility to stay with the conversation and observe the ground rules.

The format for each meeting

1. Open in Silence and Prayers for openness to God's Holy Spirit
2. Read the passage out loud as a group
3. Flag any clarifying questions or questions from the Acts for Everyone Reading assignment
4. Use the Acts for Everybody Study Guide to work through the passage.
5. Close with the suggested prayers
6. *Business (if needed, including scheduling and leadership)

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Dates

Mondays from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Parish Hall

Date	Study Guide Chapter	Reading Assignments “Acts for Everyone, Part 2”
September 10	13 – To Jews first and Gentiles also	Acts 13 pp. 1-21
September 17	14 – Open Doors and Opposition	Acts 14 pp. 22-35
September 24	15 – Dealing with Disputes	Acts 15 pp.36-55
October 1	16 – Into New Territory	Acts 16 pp. 56-72
October 8	Columbus Day observed	
October 15	17 – Among the Philosophers	Acts 17 pp. 73-93
October 22	18 – Staying Put and Traveling On	Acts 18 pp. 94-108
October 29	19 – Clash of Powers at Ephesus	Acts 19 pp. 109-123
November 5	20 – Meetings and Farewells	Acts 20:1-21:14 pp. 124-142
November 12	Veterans Day observed	
November 19	21 – Showdown in Jerusalem	Acts 21:15-22:30 pp.143-164
November 26	22 – Schemes and Rescues	Acts 23-24 pp. 165-193
December 3	23 – I Appeal to Caesar	Acts 25-26 pp.194-218
December 10 *1pm-3pm Celebration	24 – The Voyage to Rome	Acts 27-28 pp.219-242

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