

Acts Study Questions

How to Use This Guide

Acts is one unfolding story of the **risen Jesus continuing His work through His witnesses by the power of the Holy Spirit as the gospel advances from Jerusalem to the nations.**

Before answering the questions, read the passage slowly more than once. Look first for what Luke intended to communicate before asking what it means for us today. You do not have to force an answer to every question. Some will be more important depending on the passage.

Be careful not to assume everything Acts **describes** is something Christians are commanded to **repeat**. Some events are unique moments in redemptive history while others establish patterns and commands for the church today.

Most importantly, **get to Jesus before you get to yourself**. Don't begin with "*What should I do?*" Begin with "*What does this reveal about Jesus and what He has done?*" Then ask how we should respond.

For guidance in understanding themes and original meanings here is a reference.

[Bible Hub](#) - Shows various translations, other connected passages, commentary, and each word's original Greek or Hebrew meaning. Just type in the chapter and verse you are interested in learning about.

Study Questions

1. LOOK — What is happening?

1. What happened?

Who, what, when, where, why and how?

2. Where are we in the story of Acts?

Jerusalem → Judea and Samaria → nations? (*Acts 1:8*)

3. What words, ideas or themes are emphasized or repeated?

Look especially for the Spirit, witness, prayer, boldness, kingdom, salvation and the Word.

2. UNDERSTAND — What does it mean?

4. What are Jesus and the Holy Spirit doing?

How is the risen Jesus advancing His mission through the power of the Spirit?

5. **How is the gospel advancing?**

Who or what helps, receives, resists or opposes it?

6. **How does the rest of Scripture help us understand this passage?**

Consider the Old Testament, Luke's Gospel and the rest of the New Testament.

7. **Is this descriptive, prescriptive or both?**

Is Luke telling us what happened or teaching something Christians should continue to believe or practice?

8. **Is this a normal Christian pattern or a unique moment in God's redemptive story?**

We continue Jesus' mission without necessarily recreating every event in Acts.

3. BEHOLD — How does this lead us to Jesus?

9. **What does this passage reveal about Jesus and the gospel?**

What do we learn about who Jesus is, what He has done and what He is doing?

10. **How does this passage make me more dependent on and grateful for Jesus?**

11. **How should this passage shape my prayers?**

What does it show me about God's glory, goodness, grace and greatness?

4. RESPOND — What is my Next Yes?

12. **Because of what Jesus has done, how should I respond?**

What should I believe, love or do?

13. **What might keep me from faithfully obeying Jesus?**

What sin, fear, desire, comfort or pattern do I need to surrender by the power of the Spirit?

14. **Who is God calling me to love?**

Who needs my prayer, presence, encouragement or service?

15. **Who can I invite in or share this good news with?**

Who can walk with me in obedience and who needs to hear about Jesus?

Remember the Story

What happened? → What is Jesus doing? → How does this fit the whole Bible? → What is unique and what continues? → Because of what Jesus has done, how should we respond?

Jesus is alive. He is advancing. We are His witnesses.