



Collection Resources

Go and Be The Church in Action

INTRODUCTION

- A.** The Acts of the Apostles is a book in the Bible that shows the Holy Spirit in action in the people who followed Jesus after His resurrection. It emphasizes a “Go and Be” lifestyle. This collection highlights the ministries of Peter and Paul through the eyes of the book’s author, Luke. Luke retells the stories of the first Church focusing on its formation, fervor, and fortitude.

“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too,”

Acts 17:6b

- B.** The key verse Acts 1:8 provides the outline for the entire book:
- The Formation of the Church – Jerusalem (1:1-7:60)
 - The Fervor of the Church – Judea and Samaria (8:1-12:25)
 - The Fortitude of the Church – Uttermost Parts of the Earth (13:1-28:31)
- C.** In this collection, we will look at the sermons that Peter and Paul preached that led to the spread of the story that Jesus is alive.

Peter’s Messages

Sept 28 th /Oct 1 st	Go and Be Ready
October 5 th /8 th	Go and Be Refreshed
October 12 th /15 th	Go and Be Available
October 19 th /22 nd	Go and Be Unified

Paul’s Messages

October 26 th /29 th	Go and Be Light
November 2 nd /5 th	Go and Be Bold
November 9 th /12 th	Go and Be Multipliers
November 16 th /19 th	Go and Be Vocal
November 23 rd /26 th	Go and Be Hopeful
Nov 30 th /Dec 3 rd	Go and Be Truthful

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Outline

Key Verse: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*
-- Acts 1:8 (CSB)

I. THE FORMATION OF THE CHURCH – JERUSALEM (1:1-7:60)

- A. Instructions to the Church (1:1-11)
- B. Faithfulness in the Church (1:12-26)
- C. The Founding of the Church (2:1-47)
- D. Power in the Church (3:1-26)
- E. Opposition to the Church (4:1-31)
- F. Discipline in the Church (4:32-5:11)
- G. Persecution of the Church (5:12-42)
- H. Ministry in the Church (6:1-7)
- I. Courage in the Church (6:8-7:60)

II. THE FERVOR OF THE CHURCH – JUDEA & SAMARIA (8:1-12:25)

- A. Philip's Role in the Expansion of the Church (8:1-40)
- B. Saul's Role in the Expansion of the Church (9:1-31)
- C. Peter's Role in the Expansion of the Church (9:32-10:48)
- D. The Church's Role in the Expansion of the Church (11:1-12:25)

III. THE FORTITUDE OF THE CHURCH – UTTERMOST PARTS OF THE EARTH (13:1-28:31)

- A. Witness of Paul the Pioneer (13:1-21:16)
 - 1. First Missionary Journey (13:1-15:35)
 - 2. Second Missionary Journey (15:36-18:22)
 - 3. Third Missionary Journey (18:23-21:17)
- B. Witness of Paul the Prisoner (21:18-28:31)
 - 1. Paul's Testimony as a Prisoner (21:18-23:35)
 - 2. Paul's Trials as a Prisoner (24:1-26:32)
 - 3. Paul's Travels as a Prisoner (27:1-28:31)

VERSES IN ACTS THAT CHART THE JOURNEY

“In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters — the number of people who were together was about a hundred twenty —” -- Acts 1:15 (CSB)

“So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added to them.” -- Acts 2:41 (CSB)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. ⁴⁴Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” -- Acts 2:42-47 (CSB)

“But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.” -- Acts 4:4 (CSB)

“Believers were added to the Lord in increasing numbers — multitudes of both men and women.” -- Acts 5:14 (CSB)

“In those days, as the disciples were increasing in number, there arose a complaint by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution.” -- Acts 6:1 (CSB)

“So, the word of God spread, the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly in number, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.” -- Acts 6:7 (CSB)

“So, the church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.” -- Acts 9:31 (CSB)

“But the word of God spread and multiplied. ²⁵After they had completed their relief mission, Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, taking along John who was called Mark.” -- Acts 12:24-25 (CSB)

"So, the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers." -- Acts 16:5 (CSB)

"In this way the word of the Lord spread and prevailed." -- Acts 19:20 (CSB)

"When they heard it, they glorified God and said, 'You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law.'" -- Acts 21:20 (CSB)

"Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." -- Acts 28:30-31 (CSB)