“FACTS about ACTS”

Acts 1:1-3, NLT

Current Sermon Series: Acts

Introduction: Today, we begin a new series of sermons examining closely the New Testament book of Acts. The PURPOSE of Acts is to give an accurate, orderly, reliable account of the birth and growth of the church.

Key Characteristics of the Book of Acts:

1.            Acts is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ narrative.

2.            Acts is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel of Luke.

3.            Acts is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ connecting Christ’s life and the church.

4.            Acts is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account of the birth and growth of the early church.

5.            Acts gives attention to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the first century believers in the face of consistent opposition.

Five Crucial Themes We Will Encounter in Acts:

1.            \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church

2.            Holy Spirit

3.            \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church

4.            Spreading the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5.            Dealing with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outline of Text:

                The First Book (v. 1).

                Further Instructions (v. 2).

                From Time to Time (v. 3).

The Big Takeaway: This book is about God reaching down into the fallen mass of humanity and saving some hell-bent men and women, bringing them into a new fellowship, the church, and beginning to work in them to bring glory to Jesus Christ.