

THE BOOK OF ACTS

AN EXHIBIT OF GOD'S POWER & WISDOM

PART 2

Women of the Word

September 9 ~ November 18, 2025

~ 10 sessions ~

Acts

~ Study Dates ~

September 9 Acts 16
September 16 Acts 17
September 23 Acts 18 & 19
October 7 Acts 20
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November 18 Acts 28 ~ **Morning Brunch/Evening Appetizers**

Morning Schedule

10:00 Small Group
11:00 Break
11:05 Worship
11:15 Teaching
11:45 Close

Evening Schedule

7:00 Small Group
7:45 Break
7:50 Worship
8:00 Teaching
8:30 Close

Guidelines for Successful WOW Bible Study

Purpose of discussion time:

1. Sharing what the Holy Spirit revealed during your study time
2. Giving and receiving encouragement by all members
3. Seeking answers in God's Word
4. Learn more about God and learn to hear Him speak to you through the Bible

To get the most out of your time in this study:

1. Please do your best to be on time.
2. Come prepared to learn and to share.
3. Be a good listener. Be patient and give others time to process and respond.
4. Be welcoming and encouraging to the other members in your group, always respecting their opinions. We come from many different churches and backgrounds, but we are all sisters in Christ. Please refrain from discussing topics (like politics) or other controversial issues that divide us.
5. Pray for and keep confidential the prayer requests shared in your group.
6. Be willing to be transparent—with struggles in life and with this study. While at the same time, protect yourself and others by not over-sharing, offering an answer for every question, and when you do share limit the details. Please select 2-3 questions that the Holy Spirit has spoken about to you, share those answers, and then restrict yourself to listening to other's opinions.
7. Stay on topic. Keep your discussion focused on the passage being studied. Your facilitator is happy to answer other questions you may have outside of class.
8. Keep the focus on God and His Word by not bringing in outside material. Use scripture or commentaries on the Bible in your study time. The goal is to learn more about God and learn to hear Him speak to you through the Bible.

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Study Questions ~ Week One

Acts 16

Paul and Silas experienced God's power when they began praying and singing hymns to God in a dark prison cell. As God becomes our focus, our faith is strengthened, and God can work in our lives.

1. What is the significance of responding immediately to God's call, as Paul did when he saw the man from Macedonia?
2. What do we know about Timothy? (Acts 16:1-5, 2 Tim. 1:3-7)
3. Paul was "forbidden" to go to Asia Minor (modern day Turkey). Was it wrong for him to desire to go there? What reasons might God have had for re-directing him?

4. Why was Lydia able “to heed the things spoken by Paul”? Is this still true today?
5. What is the “spirit of divination”?
6. What did God say about His people seeking advice from psychics, witches and fortune tellers (see Deuteronomy 18:9-12)?
7. Paul and Silas are thrown into prison, yet they do not despair and are filled with joy. Relate a time when prayer and worship have helped you during bleak circumstances.

8. How is the jailer's response to the word of the Lord similar to Lydia's response in verse 15?
9. Was the jailer's household saved because the jailer made the choice to accept Jesus?
10. When facing opposition to our faith, how can we apply the lessons from Paul and Silas' experience in Philippi?

"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.'"
Acts 16:31



Study Questions ~ Week Two

Acts 17

An understanding of the power of God and the Gospel, enabled Paul to become fearless. Paul boldly declared what God had accomplished through Jesus. Do you desire greater strength in your life? Then draw close to God and reflect on His great work of salvation.

1. What does the phrase “turned the world upside down” reveal about the impact of Paul’s teaching? (v.6)
2. What good qualities can you see in the Thessalonians?
3. What happened to those who studied the Word?

4. In Acts 17:10-15, how do the Bereans provide encouragement for all believers?
5. What reaction did the Athenians have to the gospel?
6. How does Paul's approach in each city reflect his understanding of his audience?
7. Do we still face this type of reaction to the gospel in our society today?

8. What can you learn from Paul's presentation of the gospel?

9. How did Paul prove that God was not an idol? For further reference see:
Ps. 115: 3-8 & Jeremiah 10:5

10. Who among Paul's hearers became believers?

*"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth
and does not live in temples built by hands."
Acts 17:24*



Study Questions ~ Week Three

Acts 18 and 19

In 1 Corinthians 12 every believer's contribution to the work of the ministry is acknowledged. This cooperation is seen in Acts 18 as the Gospel is proclaimed in Corinth and Ephesus. God has a special place for all of us in His work on earth!

1. How would you describe the ministry of Aquila and Priscilla?
2. What can we learn from Paul's decision to shift his focus to the Gentiles when the Jews rejected his message?
3. Should we ever stop preaching the gospel to people? (Acts 18:6-11, 2 Timothy 4:1-5)

4. Apollos had a powerful ministry, yet he lacked knowledge in certain areas. How can we receive help from other believers and increase our knowledge in the Lord? (Acts 18:24-28, Hebrews 10:23-25)
5. What happened to the seven sons of Sceva? What was so dangerous about what the sons of Sceva tried? (See also 1 Peter 5:8) How is this a warning to you? According to Ephesians 6:11–17, what protection is essential for such an encounter?
6. How does the account of the Ephesian disciples deepen our understanding of the need for continual learning in our faith journey?

7. Are there areas in your life where you need to reject things that are not aligned with your faith?

8. How can we protect ourselves from spiritual deception and misuse of spiritual gifts?

*"So, the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily".
Acts 19:20*



Study Questions ~ Week Four

Acts 20

Acts 20 records Paul's farewell to a few of the churches he had founded. Paul could not be certain of his own future or the future of these fellowships. However, Paul could be sure of the power of the Gospel and the fortifying strength of the Word of God's grace. Take heart as you study Acts 20; God can do what you cannot do.

1. What significance does the incident with Eutychus have for understanding the power of the Holy Spirit? Does the story of his resurrection encourage you during seemingly hopeless situations?
2. What are some warning signs of false teachings that we should be aware of in our communities?

5. How does Paul's farewell illustrate the emotional investment involved in spiritual mentorship? List some principles of discipleship you derive from the text.

6. Paul journeyed on with courage and faith despite adversity. What can we learn from this?
7. Verse 6 refers to the feast of unleavened bread. Read Exodus 12:15-20; Leviticus 23:4-8, and Deuteronomy 16:1-8 for an explanation of this feast. What does it commemorate? How long does it last? What is another name for this feast?
8. As Paul leaves, where is the confidence of these elders to reside according to verse 32? What could God's Word do for them?
9. Can you tell of a specific time when the study and understanding of God's Word did that for you?

*"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."
Acts 20:28*



Study Questions ~ Week Five

Acts 21

In Philippians 1:21 Paul wrote, for to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Because of this attitude Paul persevered through threats, perils, persecution, and hostilities. Putting the will of God above his own will, Paul was determined to preach the Gospel that had transformed his life.

1. What are the key events that occur during Paul's journey to Jerusalem, and what do they reveal about his character and the circumstances he faces?
2. Paul's attitude about hardship and difficulty is different from the people with whom he stayed. They tried to persuade him not to go to Jerusalem. The NT has a counter-cultural view of hardship and suffering (read Rom. 5:3-5, 2 Cor. 12:1-10, or James 1:2-7 to see the NT's perspective on hardship). How would you describe the difference between Paul's and the NT's view of hardship and our world's view of it? Why is that the case?

3. What similarity and characteristics do you see between Jesus in Luke 18:31-33 and Paul in Acts 21:13-14? Describe their focused goal of going to Jerusalem.

4. What Jewish ritual was Paul being asked to participate in (21:23- 24)? Is Paul at fault in any way? Could Paul demand his own “rights” and refuse the elders’ request?

5. What can we learn from Paul’s involvement in the Jewish ritual and his willingness to participate? a. Was his participation out of obligation or deep concern for the unity of God’s people? b. Was it okay for Paul, as a Christian, to participate in this ceremony? c. What was included in the cost of this event? (Numbers 6:13- 21) d. What were the actions required to participate in this event ?

6. Think about today's lifestyle. Where do you draw the line between participation in current trends and standing up for biblical beliefs?

7. What outcome should you expect in your life as a follower of Jesus Christ?
(Philippians 3:7-10, 20-21)

8. Acts 21:37—Paul had been severely beaten and was about to be taken into the barracks when he asked the commander if he could speak. Paul had his wits about him even during this time of high anxiety. During trouble, usually what's inside comes out. How do you react or respond when you are under attack?

*"I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem
for the name of the Lord Jesus."
Acts. 21:13*



Study Questions ~ Week Six

Acts 22 and 23

1. Mention five things from Paul's speech in Acts 22: which tells us something about God's call on his life?
2. Can you apply any of the answers in question one to your life?
3. What is the point of Paul's speech to the Jerusalem crowd?
4. What new details did Paul add about his conversion story? (Compare to Acts 9:1-19)

5. Chapter 23: 6-10 The Sadducees and Pharisees were united on certain Jewish issues but deeply divided on others. What were some of the issues that divided them? How does Paul divert their attention from him?
6. Chapter 23: 26-30 Why does the tribune send a letter along? How/why did they rearrange the facts?
7. After Paul's firsthand experience of wearing Roman armor and helmet, how might this have helped him describe the power of Christ in Ephesians 6:10-17?
8. What motivates the action of the Jewish leaders?

9. How does this chapter deepen our understanding of God's protection and guidance over His servants?

10. How did God use the Roman Empire in the spread of Christianity?

*"The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will,
and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth."
Acts 22:14*



Study Questions ~ Week Seven

Acts 24 and 25

The Jews accuse Paul of being a troublemaker. In his defense, he asserts his loyalty to God and his faith in Jesus, emphasizing his peaceful conduct.

1. How central was the resurrection of Jesus to Paul's defense, and what does this reveal about the core belief of early Christianity?
2. What does Felix's delay in deciding reveal about his character and motivation?
3. What are some ways we can be bolder in sharing our faith, even when it might be uncomfortable?
4. In hardship we must faithfully move forward in Christ-fueled courage. Do the next right thing. How do we see Paul doing that in this passage? (1 Peter 2:12-15, 3:15)

- "I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."*
Acts 24:15



Study Questions ~ Week Eighth

Acts 26

Paul's defense recounts his life as a Pharisee, his conversion experience, and his belief in Jesus' resurrection as fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. Our own conversion experience can be used to make a powerful impact.

1. How can we use our understanding of people's lives and perspectives to better share the Gospel with them?
2. Paul had already written the letter to the Romans. How was Paul living out his own instruction (Rom 13:1)? Does this challenge you to evaluate your attitudes toward governing authorities?
3. Verse 18 speaks of Paul's mission and the mission of every Christian. Where else do you see this command or these themes in scripture?

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8. God's mercy made Paul so secure that he, standing in prison garb and chains, told King Agrippa that he prayed Agrippa would get to be like him. Are we that confident in God's mercy? Have we tasted it deeply enough that we can honestly look at others and want them to experience God's mercy like we have?

"Why should any of you think it unbelievable that God would raise the dead?"
Acts 26:8



Study Questions ~ Week Nine

Acts 27

Storms can be financial setbacks, personal or relational upheavals, health issues, etc. Paul's storm lasted for weeks; God sent an angel to assure him. God has sent a message in His Word for us during storms: "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him." (Psalm 91:15).

1. How did the "gentle south wind" deceive the crew, leading them into danger?
2. How did Paul's confidence in God's promise influence the crew's attitude during the crisis?
3. What can we learn from the actions of the Centurion, Julius, in protecting Paul?

4. Describe how priorities in life seem to change when we are under pressure.
(v 19, 32, 39) (Heb 12:1, Gen 19:17, Luke 17:32, Luke 14:33)

5. Read Isaiah 41:10 and Acts 27:25-26: what do they say about God's promises?

6. What did Paul anchor his faith in: facts or feelings (v. 25)? Why is this important in order to live a life that pleases God and receives His comfort and joy?

7. From vv. 27-36 how did Paul show his belief that God would do exactly as he was told? How does this encourage or convict you?



Study Questions ~ Week Ten

Acts 28

The final record of Paul's last voyage and ministry.

1. What miraculous event occurred in Malta, and how did it impact the islanders' perception of Paul?
8. How did Paul use his time in Malta to share the Gospel with the locals?
9. In verse 20, Paul mentions the "hope of Israel". Use the following verses to expand upon the meaning of this phrase: Jer. 17:31, 1 Tim 1:1. Who is the ultimate hope of Israel?

10. Reread Acts 28:24-28. What does Paul communicate to the unbelievers in Rome by quoting Isaiah 6:9-10 to them?
11. List four or five things that Luke desired for Theophilus (Acts 1:1) to believe and do based on the story he has told us in Acts.
12. How have you gained a greater appreciation for what it means to have the Spirit's power at work in and through your life? Is there anything you could do to become more aware and appreciative of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

13. Paul lived in these conditions in Rome for two years, preaching with all boldness and without hindrance (v 30-31). Connect this concept to the opening passages in Acts (Chapter 2). Why is the Gospel unstoppable?

14. Reflect on Paul's life and your own life story. Who is the author?
How might God use your past experiences and present conditions for future work?
(Romans 8:28)

Acts 28 is not the end of Paul's ministry although it is Luke's last record of his ministry. For the next two years, Paul ministered in Rome and wrote epistles to the churches of Ephesus, Philippi, and Colossae, as well as letters to Philemon and Timothy. These letters continue to minister to believers today. God is still recording the ongoing work of the Spirit in the world. Our lives and witness for Christ are all being written in the heavenly archives.



You have completed the session, congratulations!
You have fought the pull of the world drawing you
away from the Women of the Word study!

Please come to the luncheon prepared to share
a change that God has made in you
through the study of Acts.

May the Lord continue to bless you,
as you bless Him!