

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

AN EXHIBIT OF GOD'S POWER & WISDOM

*Women of the Word*

January 7 ~ April 1, 2025



# Acts

## ~ Study Dates ~

January 7 ..... Introduction & Chapter 1  
January 14 ..... Chapter 2  
January 21 ..... Chapters 3 & 4  
January 28 ..... Chapter 5  
February 4 ..... Chapters 6 & 7  
February 11 ..... Chapter 8, Morning Brunch/Evening Appetizers  
February 18 ..... Chapter 9  
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March 4 ..... Chapters 11 & 12  
March 11 ..... Chapter 13  
March 18 ..... Georgetown ISD Spring Break  
March 25 ..... Chapter 14  
April 1 ..... Chapter 15, Morning Brunch/Evening Appetizers

### *Morning Schedule*

10:00 Worship  
10:10 Group  
11:05 Break  
11:10 Worship  
11:15 Teaching  
11:45 Finish

### *Evening Schedule*

7:00 Worship  
7:05 Group  
7:50 Break  
7:55 Worship  
8:00 Teaching  
8:30 Finish



# Successful Bible Study Guidelines

- Study is on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11:45 am or Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm.
  - o Please be on time.
  - o Childcare will be available starting at 9:45 am or 6:45 pm to drop off your children and come to worship on time.
- Please make every effort to come each week. You will be blessed by attending regularly, and you will be a blessing and an encouragement to the other ladies in your group.
- If you did not get a chance to complete the homework, please still come, but only answer questions you completed.
- We are all learning and sometimes questions are difficult. So please, if you struggle with a question skip it, and maybe come back to it later.
- Please refrain from using commentaries or other sources – just use God’s Word for your answers.
- When answering a question, please reference the verses that support your answer.
- We would like everyone to participate in the discussion, however we will not call on you.
- Do not be afraid of quiet moments – it gives others time to share.  
Please refrain from NEGATIVE comments such as “that is wrong” but rather reword it as “this is how I see it.”
- We want to focus on what unites us - which is God’s Word!
  - o Please refrain from the following topics:
    - o Individual churches, denominations, authors, TV personalities and POLITICS.
    - o We also ask that no petitions be passed, or items to be sold during Bible study.
- Personal information and prayer requests shared during group time should remain confidential within the group.
- Your group leader’s desire is to “shepherd” you during this study, she will be reaching out to you during the week. Please let her know the best way to contact you.

Please do not hesitate to contact the teachers for further clarification on a topic, or if you have a question. We will be happy to research the answer for you. You will be blessed by the study of God’s Word and by the fellowship, comradery, and friendships developed.

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# Suggested Journal Entries

If you find journaling helpful, you might like to use these questions to guide your entries each week.

1. What was personally meaningful to me from this week's reading? (Luke 24:45)
2. What did God do to confirm or demonstrate His word in my life this week—epiphany, supplemental readings, or messages I heard? (Mark 16:20)
3. Pray for opportunities to share what God is teaching me and write about the answers to my prayer. Divine appointments? (2 Timothy 2:2)
4. Have I experienced any challenges to greater obedience, conviction to be a doer of God's Word, or changes that need to be made in my life? (James 1:22)
5. Is there someone who is an example for me to follow or avoid in this week's passage? (1Corinthians 10:11)
6. Select a verse to memorize from the lesson this week. Write it out. (Psalm 119:11)





Every chapter exhibits God's power and wisdom.

Come discover God's power and wisdom for your life as you join the Women of Grace over the next twelve weeks. We hope that God will ignite a fire in your soul similar to the fire that is evident in the pages of Acts.

Your life will be enhanced by devoting yourself to the apostles' teaching, fellowshiping with women of like mind, breaking of bread together, and praying for one another.

*Welcome and May God Bless Your Efforts!*



## Study Questions

### Chapter 1

The disciples had the glorious and powerful Gospel of Jesus to share, but they were surrounded by pagans, the degenerate, and the hostile. How were these outwardly unimportant Jews going to impact their world?

On the day of Pentecost, the answer became obvious. Their teacher was gone, but the Spirit had arrived; they were no longer alone - the direction, the instruction, the miraculous, the willpower - all the necessary ingredients to assist them on their unknown adventures had arrived.

Studying Acts will help you to understand and use this same power to become a dynamic witness for Jesus!

1. The book of Acts is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Luke begins Acts 1:1a with a reference to his former account. Read Luke 1:1-4. What was Luke's purpose in recording these events?

2. What activities did Jesus complete following His resurrection?  
Refer to Acts 1:2b-3.

a. Comment on some of the proofs of Jesus' resurrection from the references below:

(1) Mark 16:9, 12, 14

(2) John 21:4-10

(3) 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3. How do these proofs strengthen your faith?

4. What did the two men (angels) communicate to the disciples? (v. 11)

a. Link this with Matthew 24:30 and Revelation 1:7. Share your thoughts.

5. While the disciples waited for the Promise, they continued with unity, prayer, and petition. Does this speak to you about what you should be doing while you wait for the promise of God? Share a real life application if you are led to.

6. How can we be witnesses for Jesus in our society, just as the disciples were in their time?

7. The disciples cast lots to fill the void that Judas left. After the gift of the Holy Spirit was given, this method was abandoned. Describe the method of discerning God's will as written in Proverbs 3:5-6.
8. In what areas of your life do you need the Holy Spirit's power? (Overcoming fear, sharing your faith, making wise decisions, forgiving others, etc.)
9. The Holy Spirit desires to empower you. Is there a time in your life when you knew you were receiving this power? (Prayer, Bible study, worship, seeking guidance from mature Christians)

10. If the power of the Holy Spirit was removed from you today, would you notice?

a. Would anyone notice?

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”. Acts 1:8*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 2

Prior to Pentecost, the disciples were in hiding. After the anointing, their adventures began: the church was birthed; the works of God were spread first to the Jews and also to the Gentiles. Peter boldly spoke of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and explained, with scriptures, the significant event that people in Jerusalem observed.

1. For background on the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) read Leviticus 23:9-22. What would Jerusalem be like on this holiday?

2. How is the coming of the Holy Spirit described? (vv. 1-2)

3. Peter's sermon included a quote from Joel 2:28-32. Record some of the key promises of Joel's prophecy.

a. What impresses you the most about this prophecy?



4. What did Peter declare concerning the resurrection of Jesus in Acts 2:32?

a. Why would this have been an important point to make? See also 2 Peter 1:16.

5. How did Peter connect the resurrection of Jesus with all that the crowd had witnessed? (v. 33)

6. What two titles does Peter give Jesus in verses 34-36?

a. In your day-to-day life, how do you make Jesus your Lord and your Messiah?

7. What effect does Peter's sermon have on many of the listeners? (v. 37)

8. What is Peter's response to the question, "...what shall we do...?"

a. Why do you think Peter added baptism to his response?

9. What four things did the believers devote themselves to?

10. What would a community of Christians who followed the pattern set by these early believers look like in today's society?

a. How can you foster this type of community within your church?

*"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:4*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 3 & 4

The men of the council that was responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus are now demanding Peter and John reveal the lame man's source of healing. Prior to Pentecost, the disciples shuddered at the council; the Holy Spirit's arrival gave them the boldness to speak. As you read, note the fearless daring of these men. Have you learned to allow the Spirit to speak through you in the name of Jesus?

1. The lame beggar received a better gift than silver and gold. He was totally transformed. Do you have a testimony of a time when God transformed you?
  
2. According to Acts 3:11–12, after the lame man was healed, an amazed crowd gathered around Peter and John. Seizing the opportunity, Peter made it clear that this miracle had nothing to do with their power or godliness. He began to speak of Jesus. Using Acts 3:13–15, choose specific phrases from Peter's message that stand out to you.
  - a. According to Acts 3:16, how was the lame man healed?
  
  - b. Link Proverbs 13:8 to Hebrews 18:8 and then comment on this miracle in Acts 3:16.

3. Can you explain the points in Peter's sermon that followed this miracle?

a. Acts 3:17 - What did Peter mean here?

b. Acts 3:19 - What are the times of refreshing?

c. Acts 3:21 - What does the "restoration of all things mean?

4. From Acts 4:13a, note what the Jewish leaders observed concerning Peter and John.

a. Based on their observations, what did they realize? Acts 4:13b

c. What does this reveal about spending time with Jesus? See also 2 Corinthians 3:18.

5. How has spending time with Jesus made a difference in your life?

a. How does not spending time with Jesus affect your daily life?

6. The believers prayed for boldness rather than protection, why?

a. What can we learn about the content of prayer from this example?

7. How does the growth of the early church, despite persecution, impact your view of the power of the Gospel?

8. Define “boldness” and illustrate it from Acts 2: 3 & 4.



9. What are the blessings and benefits of growing in unity as a congregation?

a. In what ways have you experienced these blessings and benefits in your own life?

10. Is there someone you can encourage to become connected so that they might experience church community?

11. What are some prayers that you can pray for your home church as it relates to growing in unity?

*“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,  
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord”. Acts 3:19*

*“Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one  
in all the world that can save anyone”. Acts 4:12*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 5

Wherever Christ is working the enemy is sure to be found! Satan tried to underhand the church within. Failing – he stimulated persecution from without. His powers were weak compared to the Holy Spirit; his efforts backfired and the Christians grew stronger. Satan is still at work today, both internally and externally. Our defense is to abide in Christ, allowing His Spirit to flow through us.

Isaiah 59:19b says, “When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.” And Matthew 16:18, “The gates of hell shall not overpower my church.”

1. What does the account of Ananias teach you about the Holy Spirit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Many who deny the doctrine of the Trinity speak of the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force. How would this account, especially verses 3-4 help support the doctrine of the Trinity?

3. Does it shock you that God did this to Ananias?

a. Why did Ananias pay such a high price for his lie, but many (perhaps including you) have committed similar sins but God was patient?

b. Is there injustice on God's part? See Romans 9:15. (v. 5)

4. From Acts 5:5–6 record the consequences of Ananias' sin. Why do you think this sin had to be dealt with in such a serious way?

5. According to Acts 5:12a, what took place through the hands of the apostles?

a. Note that the believers were assembled at Solomon's Porch with one accord (Acts 5:12b). Link this with the following Scriptures and record your observations:

(1) Acts 1:14

(2) Acts 2:1-4

(3) Acts 2:46-47

b. How does this speak to you concerning Christian unity? See also John 17:21.

6. How did the Lord respond to the imprisonment of the apostles?  
See also Acts 12 and Acts 16.

a. Why does God sometimes effect miraculous escapes for His servants, and sometimes let them languish in prison for years? See also Hebrews 11:35 for a possible explanation of this. (Vs. 18-20)

7. What command does the Lord give the apostles?

a. What is the significance of His command to speak “all the words” or the “full message?” (v. 20) See Acts 20:27.

8. What brought such an extreme reaction from the leaders to Peter's speech? (v. 33)  
See Matthew 23:34 and John 16:2 for Jesus' prediction of this exact reaction.

9. How can we gain a mindset that rejoices in suffering for the sake of Christ?  
What does it look like for you when you have this mindset?

10. In what ways does the account of the apostles' imprisonment and release encourage faith in God's supply and oversight?

*Peter and the apostles respond, "We must obey God rather than any human authority".  
Acts 5:29*









# Study Questions

## Chapter 6 & 7

Why did God allow Stephen to be martyred? He spoke with wisdom and boldness about the Lordship of Jesus Christ; making it evident that he was yielding to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God to welcome him into heaven. I imagine Jesus said to him, well done, good and faithful servant. Prayerfully, we will hear these same words after our entrance into heaven.

1. Church growth led to issues according to Acts 6:1. What was the first complaint?

a. Seven men were carefully chosen to deal with the issues. What were the qualifications they had to meet, and why were these qualifications important?

2. Use Acts 6:8-15 to answer the questions below:

a. What are we told about Stephen?

b. Stephen was accused of blasphemy. What words was Stephen using?

c. What happened to him because of this?

d. What was Stephen's appearance during this confrontation?

e. What impresses you the most about Stephen?

3. When given the opportunity to address his accusers, Stephen paralleled the life of Joseph and the life of Jesus. List the similarities you see.

4. In Luke 21:12-15, what was Jesus' promise?

a. Compare Stephen's defense with the promise given in Luke 21. Share your thoughts.

5. Stephen drew parallels from the life of Moses to the life of Jesus. What similarities do you see?

6. Summarize the account of the history of God's tabernacle mentioned by Stephen in Acts 7:44-47.

a. In Acts 7:48, Stephen made a declaration about God. What was it?

b. The Jews' reverence for the temple caused them to lose sight of God. What things cause you to lose sight of God?

(1) What safeguards can you place in your life to prevent this danger?

7. Stephen called the members of the council "stiff-necked", in Acts 7:51a. How does this reflect the actions of the Jews' history?

a. Is this a caution you need to note for your own life?

8. Compare Stephen's attitude with that of his accusers: Acts 7:55 & Acts 7:54, 57.  
Write your response to this comparison.

9. What did Stephen experience?

a. Physically

b. Spiritually (vv. 55-56, 59b)

10. Jot down Stephen's last words; how do his last words sound like those of Jesus in Luke 23:34?

a. What conclusion can you draw about Stephen based on questions 7 and 8?

b. How does the martyrdom of Stephen have an affect on you?

*We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4*

*But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God,  
and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Acts 7:55*









# Study Questions

## Chapter 8

In Acts 8, Saul is introduced: a young man, commissioned by the Pharisees and Sadducees to rigorously persecute the Church. Once again, we see what the enemy meant for evil, God meant for good. God mightily used Saul (Paul) to spread the Gospel to other parts of Israel, Samaria, and to an Ethiopian.

You will see Romans 8:28 validated. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”.

1. How does Saul’s role in persecuting the church differ from his later mission?

2. How did persecution affect the church? (v.4)

a. How did God use these events to fulfill His command in Acts 1:8?

3. When Philip preached, the people believed him instead of Simon. What things did Philip preach? (v. 12)

a. What does the response of the people communicate about the Gospel message?

4. Compare the ministry of Philip with the sorcery of Simon. Record your thoughts:

a. What did Peter identify as Simon's root problem? (v. 21)

b. How would these things contribute to Simon's flawed perspective? (Refer to James 2:19)

5. Are there areas in your life where you might behave like Simon, seeking gain from God rather than knowing Him?

6. What do you find fascinating about the description of Philip and the Ethiopian? (vv. 26-39)

7. How can you acquire the same heedfulness and alertness to the Holy Spirit as seen in Philip's life?

8. Does Acts 8 lead you to speak of the Gospel with those you influence?

We celebrate the half-way point of our session this week by sharing food together. Please come prepared to share something you have learned from the study of Acts, Chapters 1 - 8, or the difference that the Lord has made in your life as a result of your commitment to the WOW study.

*Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."  
Acts 8:35, 37b*









# Study Questions

## Chapter 9

Psalms 105:1 urges us to make known His deeds among the people. The redemption of Paul, the most significant persecutor of the early church, the healing of a lame believer, and the raising of a woman from the dead, provide a narrative for the task. Ask God to help you remember these deeds when you are declaring His good works.

1. Verse 2 calls Christianity “The Way.” What does this teach you?

a. Where do you think this name originated? (v. 2)

See John 14:6. See also Acts 19:9, 19:23, 22:4, 24:14, 24:22.

2. Post-conversion, Saul's life changed drastically.

List some ways a personal encounter with God can change lives.

3. There are several reasons why Saul was made blind. What do you think they are?

4. Why would God want Saul to become blind?

5. What is the significance of the scales falling off Saul's eyes?

6. What does the Lord reveal to Ananias about Saul?

a. What is important about this? (vv. 11-12)

7. How did Peter's ministry reflect Jesus and His power?

8. Saul “increased all the more in strength”. What does this mean?

a. What was the character of his ministry in verse 22?

b. How does this remind you of Stephen?

9. Who did Peter visit?

a. Is it significant that believers were called “saints”?  
This title was used previously in Acts 9:13. (v. 32)

10. In verse 39, we are given the effect of Dorcas's ministry on the people.

a. How does this encourage you about the importance of the ministries of all Christians, male and female, young and old? (v. 39)

*The churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified.  
And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.  
Acts 9:31*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 10

It has been ten years since Jesus told His disciples to go into the entire world and preach the gospel. They must have reasoned that Jesus didn't really mean to go to the Gentiles. They were created only to serve as fodder for the fires of Hell. Jesus must have meant the world of the Jew. What God has cleansed is no longer unholy, a lesson for Peter, as God preps him to share Jesus with the Gentiles. The miracle of salvation brought to the Gentiles testifies to His desire that none should perish.

1. Saul had become an adversary to the Church. Using Acts 9:1–2 and Acts 8:3 comment on his hatred.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you think Saul felt as he heard the distressing words “I am Jesus”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- a. How was this both catastrophic and gripping to Saul at the same time?



3. How is the personhood of the Holy Spirit revealed in these verses? (vv. 19-20)

a. What does this whole chapter reveal about what the Holy Spirit plans to fulfill in our lives?  
(See also Acts 1:8, 8:29)

4. Peter mentions to Cornelius that Jesus ate and drank with him (and several others). How did Jesus model what he planned for his followers to do? (vv. 34-41)

5. Explain how Peter's understanding of God was changed by his vision (vv. 34-35).

6. The Jewish laws (including the food laws) were fulfilled in Jesus. (Matt. 5:17-20). It's not unusual for Christians to have rules that prevent us from reaching out to people who are different from us. Name some rules that come to mind.

a. Why do we keep them?

b. Have you ever been criticized for going against them?

7. Jesus Christ is Lord of all. What attitudes is God calling you to remove from your life this week?

*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.  
Acts 10:38*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 11 & 12

What Satan intends for evil, God turns around for His glory! Read these chapters taking special note of God's accomplishments in spite of the opposition's forces. Peter spoke, and the Gentiles believed. Later, Herod had Peter thrown into prison. Peter's prison break illustrates God's future plans for him.

Spiritual warfare is alive and well. We experience it, but God upholds us with His righteous right hand. God's promise in Isaiah became reality in Luke's narrative.

1. When Peter returned to Jerusalem after talking with Cornelius, what was the attitude of the Judaizers? Acts 11:2b-3

2. Peter was able to restate the will of God from his vision to those of the circumcision. What was their reaction?

3. Peter's testimony changed hearts. Have you ever used your testimony to change heart(s)?  
If so, write your experience here:  
Reflect on this: When someone shares their story of how faith has impacted their life, it can resonate deeply with others on a personal level.

4. Peter's conclusion is given in Acts 11:17. Remark on this.

5. Barnabas is described as a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith.  
How did God use these qualities in his life? (v. 24)

- a. How is the life of Barnabas an example to you?

6. In Acts 11:26 we find the first time that believers were referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ . What significance does this communicate to you?

7. The Church of God was fervently praying for Peter who was imprisoned by Herod. Do you think God would have honored civil unrest rather than their petitions?

8. In your opinion, were the disciples praying expectantly? Or were they like those praying for rain but not carrying an umbrella? (In fairness, perhaps the disciples were praying for endurance rather than deliverance. God's ways are always higher than ours!)

9. How did Herod's fate contrast with the events the church was experiencing during this time?

10. In this chapter, we again see God's providence in overcoming man's (Satan's) evil intentions (Ch. 13:24). Think back over world history.

Can you see God's providence in any other significant events?  
Comment about God using spiritual opposition for divine purposes:

*When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all  
that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. Acts 11:23  
But the word of God grew and multiplied. Acts 12:24*









# Study Questions

## Chapter 13

What is God's call on your life? The call of God, through the Holy Spirit, came to Barnabas and Saul as they were ministering for (on behalf of ) the Lord. As we wait for His coming, may we hear His still small voice directing our steps, and may we follow His light and never stumble. Follow the work of God through these faithful souls in Acts chapter 13.

1. How does the confrontation with Elymas the sorcerer exhibit the power of God and the outcome of opposing His work?
2. How does Paul's sermon in Pisidia show his understanding of the Old Testament and its fulfillment in Christ?

3. Do you look at the gospel as a “word of encouragement”?

Note: the word is paraklesis which is related to the word for Comforter in John 14-16.

It has a range of meanings, from “consolation” to “exhortation” to “encouragement” to “warning.” How is the gospel all of these? (v. 15)

4. Paul and Barnabas relied on the Holy Spirit. What lessons can we learn from this?

5. The Jews rejected the Gospel message. How does this reflect the hardness of human hearts?

6. How does the resurrection of Christ, and those who were witnesses, play into the message?  
(vv. 30-31)

7. What is the importance of the words “continue in the grace of God” to your life?

8. What does Paul and Barnabas shaking the dust off their feet mean?

a. How can this action speak to us when facing rejection?

*The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 14

Barnabas' and Paul's boldness of speech was rewarded when a "great multitude" of Jews and Greeks believed; however, the opposition forces continued to stir up the unbelieving. Paul would later testify in Romans 8: 18, that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. We can only imagine the inheritance that awaits those who successfully finish the race.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His power that emboldened these men is available to us. Abide in the fullness to experience the glory only He can provide.

1. The narrative in verse 1 says, "They spoke in such a manner". How does Romans 10:17 confirm God's use of their speech?
2. How does the miracle in Lystra demonstrate God's power?
3. Compare and contrast the crowd's response to the healing in Acts 3:9-10 to the account in verses 11-13. What is different about the cultural response in each case?



4. According to these Scriptures, was glory given to God?

5. How can we apply Paul and Barnabas' response to being mistaken for gods, when we face undue praise or worship? Refer to 1 John 2:16

6. Comment on God's common grace spoken of in verse 17. Refer to these verses for further clarification: Psalm 145:9 and Matthew 5:45.

7. How does the reaction of the people of Lystra change from idolizing Paul and Barnabas to stoning Paul?

a. What does this tell us about the fickle nature of people?

8. Paul was delivered on three different occasions by three different means. In Antioch, he was kicked out. In Iconium, he discovered a plot to harm him and left. In Lystra, he was left for dead. Comment on God's promise in 2 Corinthians 1:10.  
Do we tend to put God in a box with our prayers?

9. Think over the lives of Joseph, Moses, David, and Daniel. What events in their lives caused the most pain and the most growth?

10. Has there been a trial in your life that has increased your faith or created needed growth?

11. How does Paul's perseverance in the middle of suffering and his determination to preach the Gospel, stimulate you in your Christian witness?

*Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying,  
"We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." Acts 14:22*







# Study Questions

## Chapter 15

The ugly lie of the law raises its head yet again, as the “need” for circumcision is taught. Following oppressive Jewish rules and regulations, lessens our joy! Jesus came to give us access to the presence of God where we will live forevermore. In contrast, our enemy desires to kill, steal, and destroy – our joy. Have you allowed the simple faith in Christ to be replaced with duties, rituals, and a system of law? Is it time to restore the joy of your salvation? Meditate on what Jesus has accomplished for you and allow the Holy Spirit’s comfort to overflow in your life as you reflect on His love, peace, and joy!

1. After Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch, some men came down from Judea.  
What had these men taught the brethren? Acts 15:1

- a. These men called Judaizers, taught that Gentiles must become Jews and follow the law before becoming Christians. Read Galatians 5:2–6 and explain why this opposes the cross.

2. Do you agree with this statement, “We put yokes on people because we secretly desire control over them”?

3. What do Acts 15:2 & 6 teach you about early church government?

a. What is important about the way the church solved this doctrinal issue? (vv. 2, 6)

4. What is the key to Peter’s argument about what God has done among the Gentiles?

5. How does God purify the heart? (vv. 7-9)

6. What is Peter's conclusion in this matter?

a. What does he say saves both Jew and Gentile?

b. What is the difference in this issue? Law vs. Grace, Faith vs. Works. (v. 11)



7. Is it encouraging to you that God can remake a failure like Mark's?

a. How did God also do that with Peter and Paul?

8. How did this split hurt the church?

a. How did God use it for good? (vv.. 40-41)

b. What does the division between Paul and Barnabas teach you about humanity?

c. What insight do you gain about the Apostle Paul?

*They caused great joy to all the brethren. Acts 15:3c*





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!