

## Why Study/Preach Acts?

The book of Acts is a fascinating story that details how the world was turned upside down by the earliest people that embraced Jesus as Lord. It is a book that captures the stories that tell about what it looked like when the Spirit of God came to dwell with God's people.

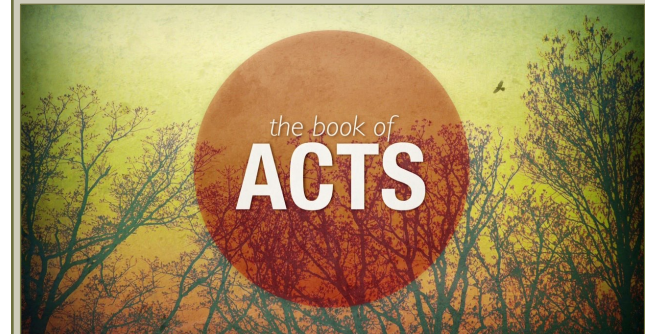
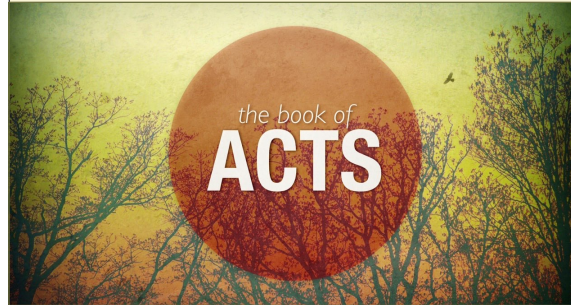
For many of us, it has been known and taught as a book about Acts has been used to support and confirm church doctrine and practice. how to do church. We've gone to Acts looking for examples of how we organize and carry out church in our day and time.

While there is certainly some valid reasoning behind why we've done this - what I want to suggest is that in the process we may have missed the captivating story that Luke is telling. Because Acts is about much more than just blueprint for how to do church. It is a story about God establishing His nation, His Kingdom on earth. It is about people who took their call to follow Jesus so seriously that they risked and sometimes lost their lives. They welcomed foreigners (Gentiles) into God's fellowship and traveled all over the known world to make sure that the message of Jesus was shared far and wide.

Did you know that one of the last words in the book of Acts is UNLEASHED? (Acts 28:31) I think this tells us something about the message Luke was hoping to convey. God's reign and rule has come and now God's people are emboldened and empowered - unleashed - to live out what they feel and know in their hearts.

I think Acts has a lot to say to us in 2015. As we begin this journey I pray that we will be unleashed in our place. I pray that our eyes will be opened to how the Spirit of God is at work in us and in the world so that we might join the work that God is already doing. Its going to be a rewarding 13 weeks!

- Doug



**Acts Reading Guide**  
**August 30 - November 28, 2015**

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# The Book of Acts Reading Guide

## Week of August 30 – September 5

READ Acts 1 - 2

## Week of September 6 – 12

READ Acts 3-4

## Week of September 13 – 19

READ Acts 5-6

## Week of September 20 – 26

READ Acts 7-8

## Week of September 27 – October 3

READ Acts 9-10

## Week of October 4 – 10

READ Acts 11-12

## Week of October 11 – 17

READ Acts 13-14

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## Week of October 18 – 24

READ Acts 15-16

## Week of October 25 – 31

READ Acts 17-18

## Week of November 1 – 7

READ Acts 19-20

## Week of November 8 – 14

READ Acts 21-23

## Week of November 15 – 21

READ Acts 24-26

## Week of November 22 – 28

READ Acts 27-28

## Some suggestions for Reading:

1. Pause in between chapters and briefly reflect on what was written.
2. Divide the weekly reading up in 7 parts and read it in 7 smaller daily pieces. This might mean that you read only a few verses on one day.

If you do read this way - read the days verses multiple times with some reflection time in between.

## Reflection Questions:

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. What, if anything, do you need to do about what God is saying?