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S.O.A.P. | Meditating on God's Word

The acronym S.O.A.P. stands for **Scripture**, **Observation**, **Application**, and **Prayer**. This is a personal devotion and Bible study method designed to help you go from reading the Bible to meditating on it. Biblical meditation can be defined as contemplating or thinking about Scripture over and over again. It is the process of saturating your heart and mind in the truth of God's Word. S.O.A.P. will help you slow down, look more closely and think more deeply on God's Word. Grab a notebook or journal. Pray before you get started!

Scripture: Read a portion of scripture. As you read, pay attention to any phrase or verses that grabs your attention or leave an impression on you. Maybe it is a phrase or verse that provokes a question, triggers a thought or stirs an emotion in you. Pick that one specific phrase or verse for the remainder of your study.

Observation: What do you see in this passage? Who are the people involved? What are the key words or ideas? Are there any commands to obey, truths to believe or examples to follow? Consider summarizing this specific phrase or verse in your own words. What is the message or lesson of this passage? Write down a few sentences of observation.

Application: How does this phrase or verse impact your life today? How might God want you to personally respond? What are you going to do? How can you personally apply this Scripture to your circumstances? How would your life look differently if you took an action step and put this into practice? Why might God be bringing this to your attention? What is God saying to you? Write down a few sentences of application.

Prayer: Turn this passage into a prayer. Ask God to give you greater understanding., wisdom or the strength to follow through and take this action step. Maybe pray a prayer of thanks of confess an area of sin. Ask God for help to obey His leadership in hour life. Write down a few sentences of prayer.

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Radical: A Study through the Book of Acts

September 13-November 29, 2020

After walking with Jesus for three years, the disciples found themselves in the beginning of Acts wondering what's next. Equipped with a commission, fueled by prayer, and filled with the Holy Spirit, they started putting into practice what they had seen and experienced in Jesus; the way he loved God and loved others, the way he served and challenged the religious authorities.

This new way of living, the Jesus way, not only made a radical difference in their lives, but it began to radically transformed their communities and the world. It wasn't easy, and there were bumps along the way, but as the Church united around the risen Jesus rather than rules and rituals, people took notice and everything changed.

The same is true today. As followers of Jesus continue putting into practice the Jesus way of living and bring the Kingdom of God closer to earth, we will see a radical difference in our lives, families, communities, and world because of Christ's influence in and through us.

This guided journal will include five readings each week through the end of November.

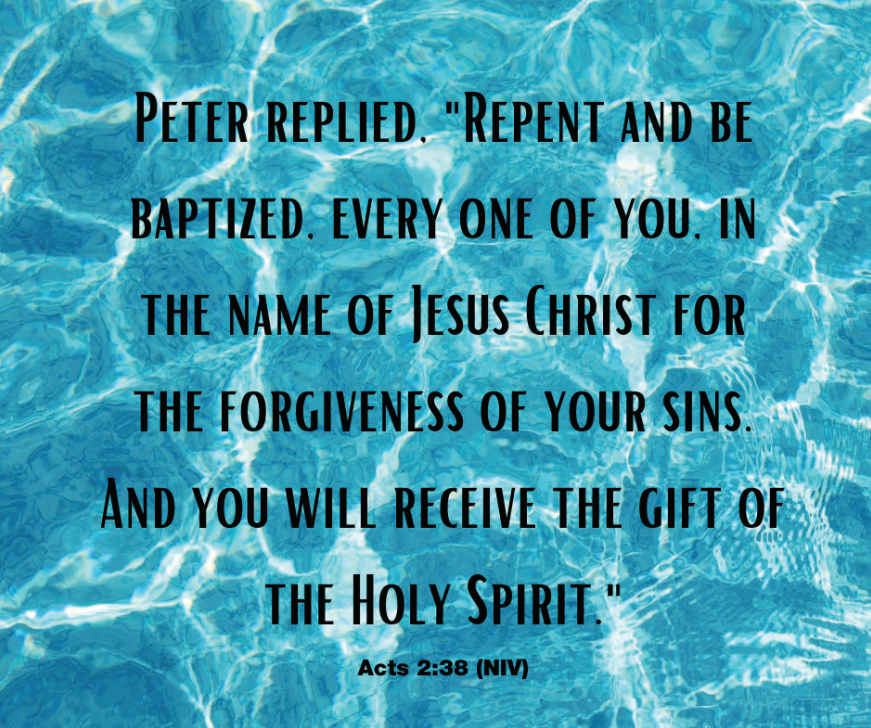
At the end of the journal are weekly pages to take notes during the sermons.

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Week One | Acts 1 & 2

Weekly Readings (September 14-20)

- Acts 1:1-11
- Acts 1:12-26
- Acts 2:1-13
- Acts 2:14-41
- Acts 2:42-47



**PETER REPLIED, "REPENT AND BE
BAPTIZED, EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN
THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR
THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS.
AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT."**

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

Acts 1:1-11

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Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 1:12-26

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Acts 2:1-13

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Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 2:14-41

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Prayer:

Acts 2:42-47

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Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Week Two | Acts 3 & 4

Weekly Readings (September 21-27)

- Acts 3:1-10
- Acts 3:11-26
- Acts 4:1-12
- Acts 4:13-22
- Acts 4:23-37

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved."



Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Acts 3:1-10

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Prayer:

Acts 3:11-26

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Prayer:

Acts 4:1-12

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Scripture:

Observation:

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Prayer:

Acts 4:13-22

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Acts 4:23-37

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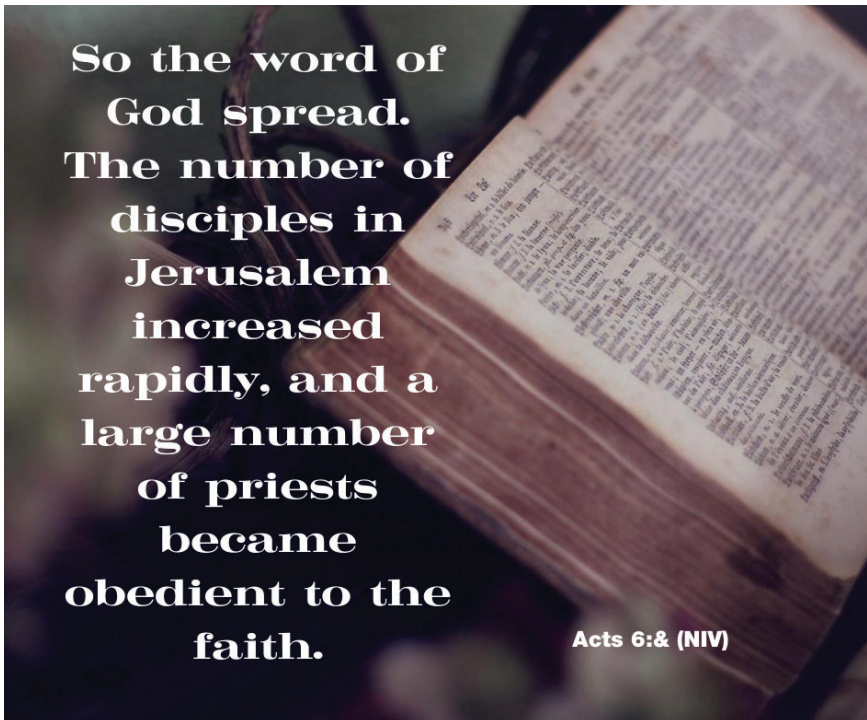
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Week Three | Acts 5-7

Weekly Readings (September 28-October 4)

- Acts 5:1-11
- Acts 5:12-42
- Acts 6
- Acts 7:1-30
- Acts 7:31-60

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**So the word of
God spread.
The number of
disciples in
Jerusalem
increased
rapidly, and a
large number
of priests
became
obedient to the
faith.**

Acts 6:& (NIV)

Acts 5:1-11

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Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 5:12-42

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 6

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 7:1-30

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Acts 7:31-60

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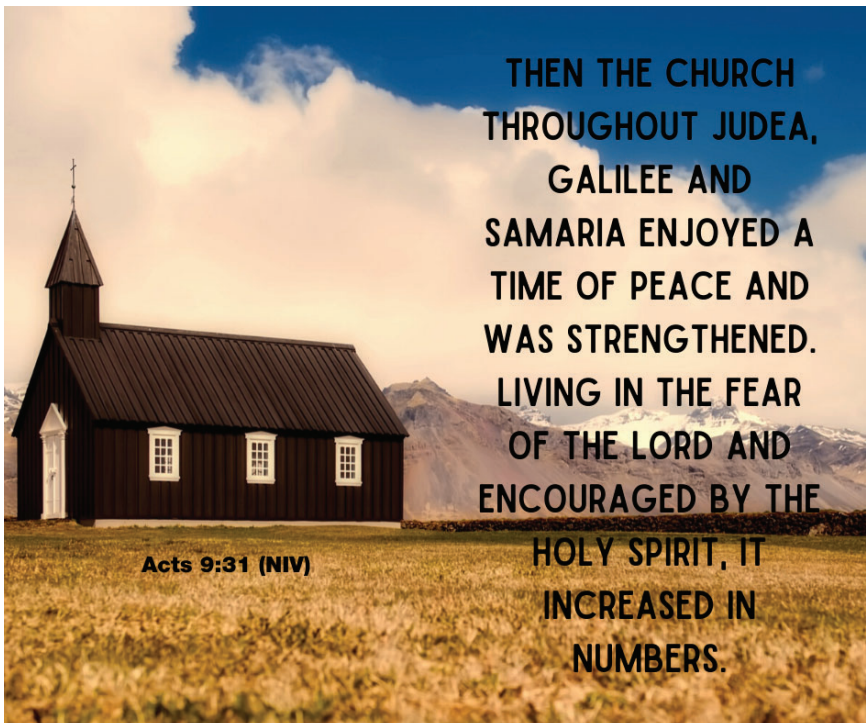
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Week Four | Acts 8-10

Weekly Readings (October 5-11)

- Acts 8:1-25
- Acts 8:26-40
- Acts 9
- Acts 10:1-23
- Acts 10:24-48



Acts 8:1-25

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Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 8:26-40

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Acts 9

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Scripture:

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Prayer:

Acts 10:1-23

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Acts 10:24-48

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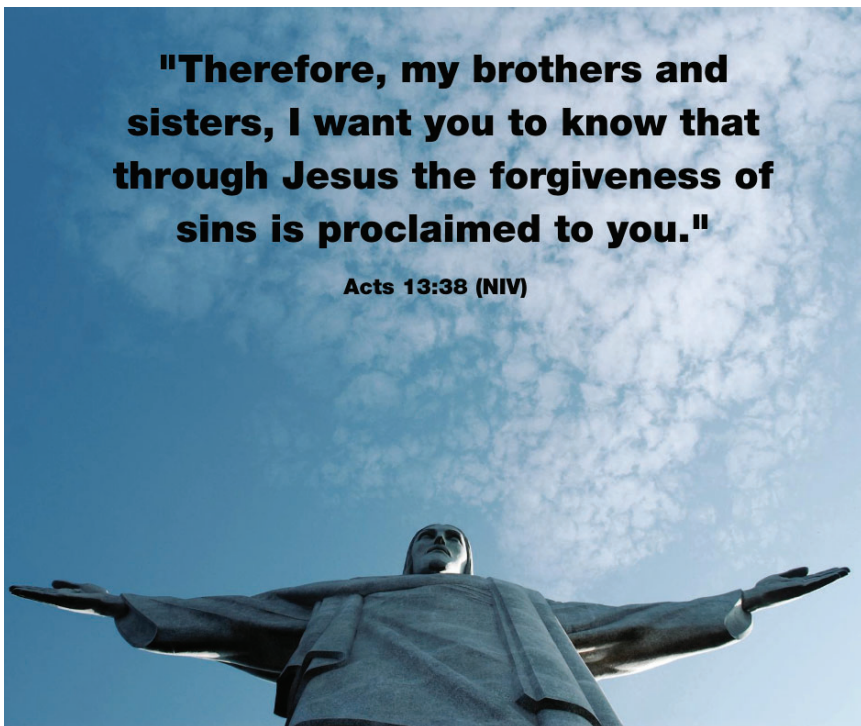
Week Five | Acts 11-13

Weekly Readings (October 12-18)

- Acts 11:1-18
- Acts 11:19-30
- Acts 12
- Acts 13:1-12
- Acts 13:13-52

"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you."

Acts 13:38 (NIV)



Acts 11:1-18

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Prayer:

Acts 11:19-30

Date: _____ Topic: _____

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Prayer:

Acts 12

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Acts 13:1-12

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Acts 13:13-52

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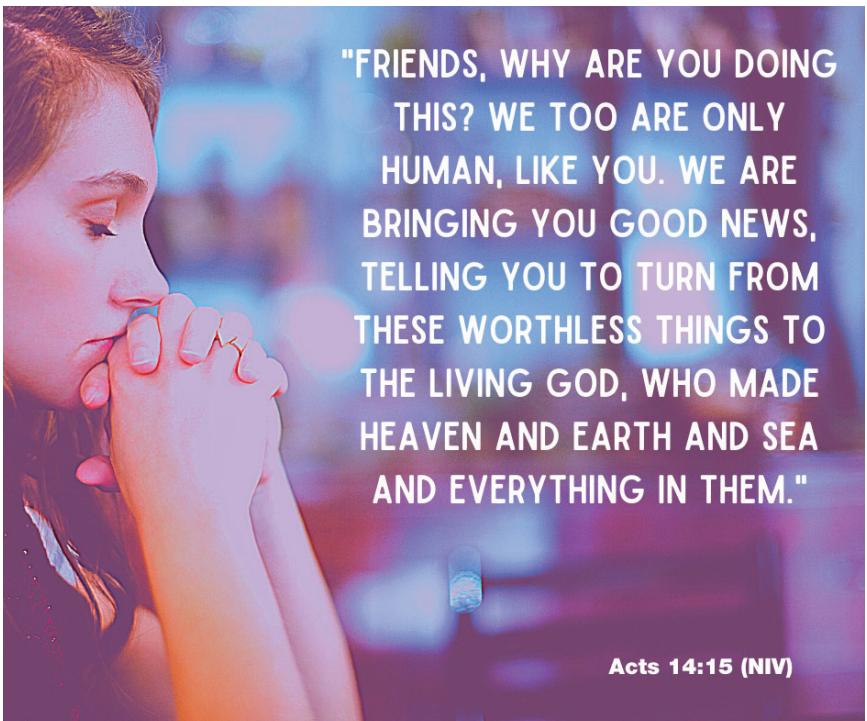
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Week Six | Acts 14 & 15

Weekly Readings (October 19-25)

- Acts 14:1-20
- Acts 14:21-28
- Acts 15:1-21
- Acts 15:22-35
- Acts 15:36-41



Acts 14:1-20

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Acts 14:21-28

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Acts 15:1-21

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Acts 15:22-35

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Prayer:

Acts 15:36-41

Date: _____ Topic: _____

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Week Seven | Acts 16-18

Weekly Readings (October 26-November 1)

- Acts 16:1-15
- Acts 16:16-40
- Acts 17
- Acts 18:1-17
- Acts 18:18-28



Acts 16:1-15

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Scripture:

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Application:

Prayer:

Acts 16:16-40

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 17

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 18:1-17

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Acts 18:18-28

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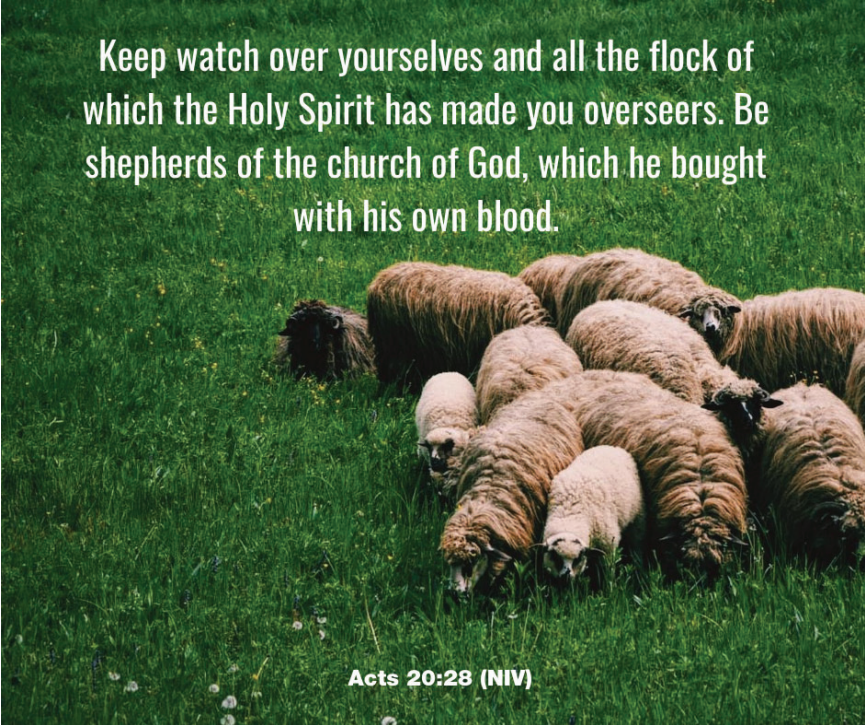
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Prayer List

Week Eight | Acts 19-21

Weekly Readings (November 2-8)

- Acts 19:1-22
- Acts 19:23-41
- Acts 20
- Acts 21:1-16
- Acts 21:17-40

A photograph of a flock of sheep with thick, light brown wool grazing in a lush green field. The sheep are scattered across the lower half of the image, with some looking towards the camera and others grazing. The background is a dense green field with some small white flowers.

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 (NIV)

Acts 19:1-22

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 19:23-41

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 20

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Prayer:

Acts 21:1-16

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Acts 21:17-40

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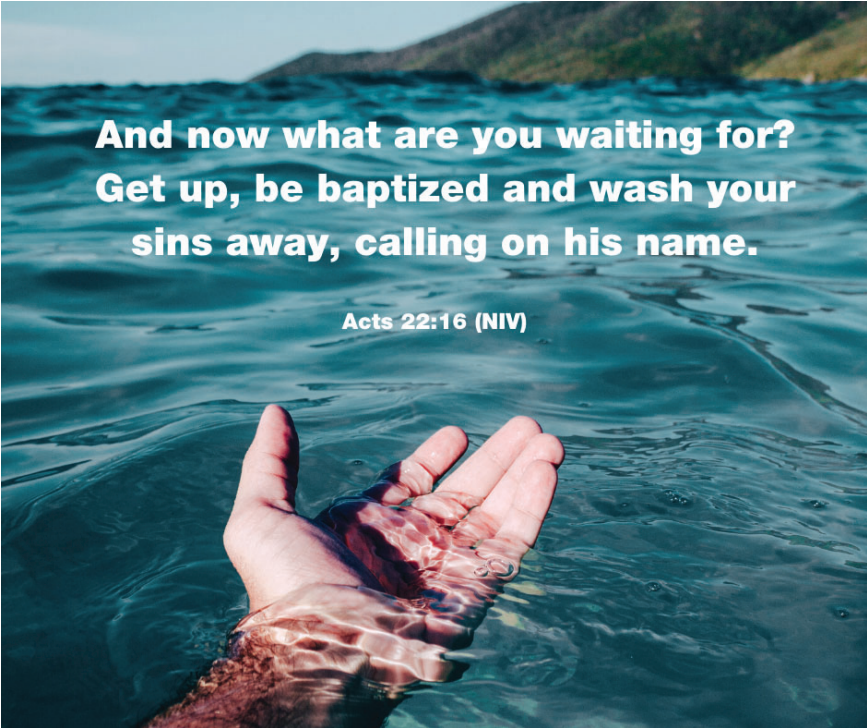
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Week Nine | Acts 22-24

Weekly Readings (November 9-15)

- Acts 22:1-20
- Acts 22:21-30
- Acts 23:1-22
- Acts 23:23-35
- Acts 24



**And now what are you waiting for?
Get up, be baptized and wash your
sins away, calling on his name.**

Acts 22:16 (NIV)

Acts 22:1-20

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 22:21-30

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

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Prayer:

Acts 23:1-22

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 23:23-35

Date: _____ Topic: _____

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Prayer:

Acts 24

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Week Ten | Acts 25 & 26

Weekly Readings (November 16-22)

- Acts 25:1-12
- Acts 25:13-22
- Acts 25:23-27
- Acts 26:1-15
- Acts 26:16-32



Acts 25:1-12

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 25:13-22

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Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 25:23-27

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 26:1-15

Date: _____ Topic: _____

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Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 26:16-32

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Week Eleven | Acts 27 & 28

Weekly Readings (November 23-29)

- Acts 27:1-12
- Acts 27:13-26
- Acts 27:27-44
- Acts 28:1-10
- Acts 28:11-30

**"Therefore I want you to know
that God's salvation has been
sent to the Gentiles, and they
will listen!"**



Acts 28:28 (NIV)

Acts 27:1-12

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 27:13-26

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 27:27-44

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Acts 28:1-10

Date: _____ Topic: _____

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Acts 28:11-30

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Radical Sermon Series

Week One: Introduction to Radical Series

Acts 1:1-11

- What is the Book of Acts?
- Ascension of Jesus
- Mission of the Church

Sermon Notes

Radical Week One: September 13

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

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Application:

Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Two: The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-41

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts and the life of a follower of Jesus?

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Two: September 20

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Three: Continuing what Jesus Started
Acts 2:42-47

Learning to follow Jesus in this new community.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Three: September 27

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Four: Celebrating the Acts 2:45 Fund
Acts 2:45, 3:32-37

We will be celebrating Sherwood Oaks' involvement and success with the Covid-19 Acts 245 Fund.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Four: October 4

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Five: Genuine Community

Acts 5:1-11

The community of the early church would have been completely disrupted by a few false actors. God dealt seriously with Ananias and Sapphira for that reason. This story is disturbing, but a reminder for all of us still that God invites us to genuine community with him and one another. Genuine leaders are needed in the church, and it starts with us.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Five: October 11

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Six: Church Leaders

Acts 6

The servant leadership structure God set up for the church is crucial. We will spend time today praying for our future and upcoming elections.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Six: October 18

Radical Week Six: October 18

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

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Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Seven: The Women of Acts

Various scripture

We will be celebrating women who started and championed the early church.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Seven: October 25

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Sermon Notes & Prayers

Week Eight: The Jewish Counsel

Acts 15

The pivotal chapter in Acts when Jewish Christians come face to face with their prejudices and decide what really matters to God. This was no easy issue for the first followers of Jesus.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Eight: November 1

Date: _____ Topic: _____

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Radical Sermon Series

Week Nine: Racial Reconciliation Panel

Various

Reconciliation is hard work and the early disciples learned that during the Jewish counsel. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5 that we continue the work of reconciliation today. We will be devoting our Sunday services toward greater racial reconciliation.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Nine: November 8

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

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Radical Sermon Series

Week Ten: The Sending Church

Acts 16, 17

From the beginning, the Church has been a mission outpost sent out into the world with the message of Jesus. No matter what culture, political climate, or groups they went to , the message of Jesus was their sole focus of hope. We will be highlighting and praying for our global mission partners this week.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Ten: November 15

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Radical Sermon Series

Week Eleven: Following Jesus is NOT for the faint of Heart
Acts 21, 27; Corinthians

Persecution is still happening in the church.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Eleven: November 22

Date: _____ Topic: _____

Scripture:

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Radical Sermon Series

Week Twelve: The Mission Continues

Acts 28:30-31

The book of Acts ends with Paul continuing his mission. In a way, we are the end of the book of Acts. Some people call the church Acts 29.

Sermon Notes

Radical Week Twelve: November 29

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Scripture:

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Prayer:

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