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Acts?

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Free Acts Commentary



Free Crossway Study



Discipleship Check-In:

1. Over the last week, what's one way have I noticed God working in your life? Or in the lives of others? In your community? In the world?

Study Questions

2. Read Acts 1:1-11. From this portion of Scripture, does anything puzzle you, intrigue you, or something you want to examine further? Share with your group to listen to one another. These questions may be answered as you study or at a later point.
3. Does viewing Acts as a “hinge” book help you understand how to interpret the Bible better in terms of finding how the Old connects and joins with the New Testament? If yes, how so? If no, why not?
4. Read and compare Luke 1:1–4 and Acts 1:1–3. In what ways do these introductions inform our study of Acts and his purpose for writing to Theophilus? Consider a time when you've had “certainty” (Lk. 1:3) pertaining to a faith or Scripture issue. Briefly, what was that process like?
5. In Acts 1:3, Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God. What do you remember about Jesus' teaching and the Kingdom? (read Matt. 13:24-53).
6. Read Luke 3:16. The promise of the Father is given in the words of John the Baptist (Mark 1:8; Matt 3:11; John 1:33). By citing this, Luke both distinguishes John's baptism from the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What did Johns' baptism accomplish and how did it point to Jesus's baptism that is greater? How is it the end goal of John's baptism?

7. Read Isa. 32:15, Ezek. 36:26-27. Jesus promises that the Spirit will soon come and immerse them with his personal presence, fulfilling one of the key hopes in the Old Testament Prophets. They promised that in the messianic Kingdom, God's presence, or his Spirit, would take up residence among his people in a new temple, transforming their hearts. Why was the ascension necessary for Spirit empowered witness? (Acts 1:9). What happens when we try to be a witness for Jesus, yet do it in our own strength and not with the help of the Spirit? Share any experiences when you felt the Spirit as you were a witness.

8. In the following verses in John's gospel, look at what Jesus said before He was crucified; then discuss how they find fulfillment in the events of this section: John 6:61-62, 14:2, 14:12, and 16:28.

9. Read Phil. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16, Eph. 1:2, 1 Peter 3:22. Rev. 3:21. Jesus's ascension into heaven was a physical and supernatural event that left the apostles in complete awe. The Father exalted Jesus and took him up in glory, in complete contrast to the shame and penalty he had borne on the cross. Now, knowing that Jesus sits in a place of honor at the right hand of God and has authority over all, how does this give you comfort and peace in your everyday life? (References Ps. 110:1; Eph. 1:20-21; 1 Peter 3:22).

10. Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and 7:24-25. How does the ongoing priestly ministry of the ascended Jesus bring comfort and confidence to you at this point in your life?

Next Steps:

In light of this study, what's your next action step you feel God is leading you to take as a disciple in the next week?

(Consider areas: a temptation to avoid? Promise to claim? Example to follow? Command to obey? Person to move toward? A new discipline to develop that will help you love God with your heart, soul, mind, strength and to love others?)