

Acts Bible Study Review Questions

Chapter 1

1. When was the book of Acts written? Who is the author?
2. What was Jesus's command and promise to the disciples just before His ascension?
3. Who were the believers during this time before Pentecost? (See vv. 13-14.)
4. What was Peter's role at this time? Why?
5. Who was Matthias? (Note v. 21.)

Chapter 2

6. What happened on the day of Pentecost?
7. Reread Acts 2:14-36. Note these things about Peter's sermon:
 - No apparent hesitation or trepidation.
 - He first claimed the attention of all there.
 - He related the current phenomenon to God's word (first witness).
 - He involved his audience: "...as you yourselves know ..." (second witness).
 - He challenged them: "you crucified and killed" Jesus.
 - He invoked David via Psalm 16 (third witness).
 - He applied logic (David was buried—his tomb is here).
 - He proclaimed Jesus's resurrection ("all of us are witnesses").
 - He brought the sermon to a dramatic conclusion: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
8. What two points does Peter make in answering the follow-up question?
9. Characterize "the Church" during this period after Pentecost.

Chapter 3

10. What is remarkable about the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful gate?
11. Note that Peter appears to have become a very able preacher.

Chapter 4

12. Read vv. 7-8. Then read Luke 12:11-12. Discuss.
13. What was the result of the Jewish rulers' attempt to silence the apostles?
14. Who was Barnabas?

Chapter 5

15. What is the point of the episode of Ananias and Sapphira?
16. Why were the apostles arrested?
17. What was the result of that arrest?

18. Who was Gamaliel? What was his advice?

Chapters 6 and 7

19. Who was Stephen? What did he do?

20. What was the gist of Stephen's defense before the council?

21. How was Stephen's death like that of Jesus? How was it different?

22. Notice the introduction to Saul in 7:58.

Chapter 8

23. How was the situation of the Church different after the death of Stephen?

24. In v. 3, Saul is consigning people to prison. By what authority?

25. Who was Philip? Why did he go to Samaria?

26. What did Peter and John do in Samaria? What did they do on their way back to Jerusalem?

27. What new aspects of the Good News are revealed in the account of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch?

Chapter 9

28. What do vv. 1-2 tell us about Saul?

29. What was the first thing Saul did after his sight was restored? What was the third thing?

30. Note vv. 23 and 29. There was just something about Saul's preaching, wasn't there?

31. What do vv. 30-31 say about Saul?

32. Two things about Peter: (a) the miracles God was doing through him even included raising the dead, and (2) he already was beyond some of the Jewish laws' taboos.

Chapter 10

33. What was the message Peter received in his vision?

34. What did Peter's visit to the home of Cornelius accomplish? Compare to Philip's encounter with the Ethiopian.

35. Key message: vv. 34-35.

Chapter 11

36. What was the argument Peter got from the Jerusalem Church? What was the final outcome?

37. Read vv. 19-21. Why is this important? Note the "new things" in vv. 22-30.

Chapter 12

38. The persecution ramps up. Compare v. 1 to 8:1.

39. What new experience does Peter have?

40. What happened to Herod? (Note that this is not Herod the Great.)

41. Barnabas and Saul took John Mark back to Antioch.

Chapter 13

42. What initiated the first missionary journey of Saul and Barnabas (and John Mark)?

43. Note that John Mark only lasted for vv 4-12, then he went back home.

Chapter 14

44. The missionaries established a pattern for their activities on this journey. What was it?
(see vv. 1-6 and 26-28.)

Chapter 15

45. Who were the ones demanding that gentile believers become Jews?
46. Who spoke on the other side of the question?
47. Who made the final judgment on the question? What was it?
48. To whom was the decree letter addressed?
49. What prompted Paul's second journey? (v. 36.) Why didn't Barnabas go with him?