

Acts Bible Study Discussion Questions

Chapter 1

Acts 1:1-14

1. When was the book of Acts written?
2. Who is the Author?
3. What does he say about his “former book”?
4. Does he give any hints about the purpose or content of the current book?
5. Why is it important that Jesus appeared to the disciples and gave “many convincing proofs” that He was alive? (v. 3)
6. How does Jesus’s promise of the Holy Spirit (v. 5) relate to John the Baptist’s prophetic promise? (Mark 1:7-8 or Luke 3:16)
7. What does the baptism with the Holy Spirit have to do with the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel? (vv. 6-8)
8. Read Daniel 7:13-14. Some think this is a prophetic vision of what happened at the end of Jesus’s ascent to Heaven. What do you think?
9. After Jesus ascended to Heaven, why did the two angels address the disciples as “Men of Galilee”? (v. 11)
10. Who “went back to Jerusalem”? Where did they go? What did they do? (vv. 12-14)

Acts 1:15-26

11. Beginning in v. 15, notice that Peter is assuming a leadership role. Who were the members of the group that numbered about 120?
12. What action did the disciples and believers take? (vv. 16-26)
13. What was the result of this action?

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Chapter 2

Acts 2:1-13

1. What is the Day of Pentecost? When does it occur?
2. In what place were the followers of Jesus gathered together?
3. What happened about 9:00 that morning?
4. Who was present, other than the followers of Jesus?
5. What were the reactions of the onlookers?

Acts 2:14-36 (Peter's sermon)

6. How did Peter get the attention of the crowd? Compare this with Peter on the night of Jesus's arrest.
7. How did he counter their scepticism and capture their interest?
8. How is Joel's prophecy like what the onlookers were seeing? How is it different? Why?
9. When Peter begins to relate the story of Jesus and His ministry and death, why does he accuse his audience of having put Jesus to death? (vv 22-23) (More about this in Chapter 3.)
10. How does Peter relate the story of Jesus to the phenomena of the Holy Spirit's being poured out? (vv. 33-34)
11. In what other way does Peter connect Jesus to Old Testament prophecy? (vv. 25-31)

Acts 2:37-47

12. What was the general reaction to Peter's sermon? Who are we talking about now?
13. What does Peter tell them to do?
14. What does he promise they will receive? To whom is the promise given?
15. (vv. 41-47) Is this a "happily ever after" ending, or what?