



THE BOOK OF

ACTS

of the Apostles



40-Day Reading Plan

A Pericope-Based Journey Through
the Birth of the Church



NAME



DATE STARTED



How to Use This Plan

Welcome to this 40-day journey through the Book of Acts. Each day you will read a carefully selected passage (pericope), reflect on a discussion question, and write down a personal takeaway. This plan is designed for both personal devotion and group study.

The readings are structured so that each pericope tells a complete narrative unit, making it easier to understand the flow of Luke's account of the early church.

Each Day Includes:

Checkbox

Mark it off when you complete the reading.

Scripture Passage

The specific pericope for the day.

Discussion Question

A question to help you reflect deeply.

My Takeaway

Space for you to write what stood out to you.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 1:8, NIV

Prologue, Ascension & Matthias Chosen

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What does it mean to be a 'witness' for Christ in your own context today?

MY TAKEAWAY



The Day of Pentecost

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How does the Holy Spirit empower believers for mission beyond their comfort zones?

MY TAKEAWAY

Peter's Pentecost Sermon

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What role does repentance play in the life of a believer, both initially and continually?

MY TAKEAWAY



Life of the Early Church & Healing at the Gate

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What practices of the early church should we seek to revive in our own communities?

MY TAKEAWAY

Day 5

Acts 3:11–4:4

Peter's Speech at the Temple

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How can suffering or opposition actually become an opportunity for witness?

MY TAKEAWAY



Day 6

Acts 4:5–31

Before the Sanhedrin & the Believers' Prayer

DISCUSSION QUESTION

When facing opposition, do you tend to pray for comfort or for boldness? Why?

MY TAKEAWAY

Day 7

Acts 4:32–5:11

All Things in Common & Ananias and Sapphira

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What does the story of Ananias and Sapphira teach about integrity before God?

MY TAKEAWAY



Day 8

Acts 5:12–42

Signs, Wonders & Apostolic Persecution

DISCUSSION QUESTION

The apostles rejoiced in suffering for Christ. How do you respond when faith costs you something?

MY TAKEAWAY

The Seven Chosen & Stephen Arrested

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How does the church balance practical service with spiritual ministry?

MY TAKEAWAY



Stephen's Speech — Part 1

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Why does Stephen rehearse Israel's history? What does it reveal about God's patience?

MY TAKEAWAY

Stephen's Speech — Part 2 & His Martyrdom

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Stephen saw heaven opened at his darkest moment. What sustains your faith in hardship?

MY TAKEAWAY



The Scattering & Philip in Samaria

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How can God use disruption and hardship to advance His purposes in your life?

MY TAKEAWAY



Day 13

Acts 8:26–40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Are you attentive to divine appointments in your daily life? How can you be more so?

MY TAKEAWAY



Day 14

Acts 9:1–19a

The Conversion of Saul

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What does Saul's dramatic conversion teach about the transformative power of grace?

MY TAKEAWAY

Saul's Early Ministry & Peter Heals and Raises

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How does community (like Barnabas's role) help in the growth of new believers?

MY TAKEAWAY



Cornelius's Vision and Peter's Vision

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Are there people or groups you might unconsciously consider 'unclean' or beyond God's reach?

MY TAKEAWAY

Peter at Cornelius's House

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What barriers – cultural, social, or personal – might hinder you from sharing the gospel freely?

MY TAKEAWAY



Peter Defends Gentile Inclusion

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How do you respond when God challenges your long-held assumptions about faith and others?

MY TAKEAWAY

The Church at Antioch

DISCUSSION QUESTION

What made Antioch a model church? What qualities would make your church a model community?

MY TAKEAWAY



Peter's Miraculous Escape & Herod's Death

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How does this chapter illustrate the contrast between human power and divine sovereignty?

MY TAKEAWAY

Set Apart by the Spirit & Ministry in Cyprus

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How does your church or group discern and affirm the calling of its members?

MY TAKEAWAY



Paul's Sermon at Pisidian Antioch

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Paul traces God's faithfulness through history. How has God been faithful in your own story?

MY TAKEAWAY

Iconium, Lystra, Derbe & Return

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Paul and Barnabas strengthened disciples, saying we must go through hardships. How does this encourage you?

MY TAKEAWAY



The Jerusalem Council

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How should the church handle doctrinal disagreements while maintaining unity?

MY TAKEAWAY

The Council's Letter & Paul and Barnabas Part Ways

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Even godly leaders disagree. How can conflict be handled redemptively in ministry?

MY TAKEAWAY



Timothy Joins, the Macedonian Call & Lydia

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Have you ever experienced a 'closed door' that redirected you to something better?

MY TAKEAWAY

The Slave Girl and the Philippian Jailer

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Paul and Silas sang in prison. How can worship transform your response to difficult circumstances?

MY TAKEAWAY



Thessalonica and Berea

DISCUSSION QUESTION

The Bereans examined Scripture daily. How can you cultivate a more diligent study of God's Word?

MY TAKEAWAY

Paul at the Areopagus

DISCUSSION QUESTION

How did Paul contextualize the gospel for his audience? How can you do the same in your setting?

MY TAKEAWAY



Corinth, Return to Antioch & Apollos

DISCUSSION QUESTION

God told Paul, 'I have many people in this city.' How does that promise encourage your outreach?

MY TAKEAWAY

Paul's Ministry in Ephesus

DISCUSSION QUESTION

The Ephesian believers burned their occult books. Is there anything you need to 'burn' or let go of?

MY TAKEAWAY



The Riot in Ephesus

DISCUSSION QUESTION

The gospel disrupted Ephesus's economy. In what ways does authentic faith challenge the status quo?

MY TAKEAWAY

Day 33

Acts 20:1–38

Macedonia, Troas, Eutychus & the Miletus Farewell

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders is deeply emotional. What legacy do you want to leave?

MY TAKEAWAY



Day 34

Acts 21:1–36

Journey to Jerusalem & Paul Arrested

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Paul went to Jerusalem despite warnings. When is it right to proceed despite risk?

MY TAKEAWAY

Day 35

Acts 21:37–22:29

Paul's Defense Before the Crowd

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Paul used his personal testimony as a defense. How powerful is your story of faith?

MY TAKEAWAY



Day 36

Acts 22:30–23:35

Before the Sanhedrin, the Plot & Sent to Caesarea

DISCUSSION QUESTION

God's providence worked through unexpected means (Paul's nephew). How have you seen God work in surprising ways?

MY TAKEAWAY

Trial Before Felix

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Felix was 'afraid' of Paul's message yet delayed. What might you be delaying in your walk with God?

MY TAKEAWAY



Festus, Appeal to Caesar & Defense Before Agrippa

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Agrippa was 'almost persuaded.' Who in your life is close to faith but hasn't fully responded?

MY TAKEAWAY

The Voyage and Shipwreck

DISCUSSION QUESTION

In the storm, Paul became a source of hope. How can you be a source of hope in crises around you?

MY TAKEAWAY



Malta & Arrival in Rome – Paul's Final Witness

DISCUSSION QUESTION

Acts ends with Paul still preaching. What does this open ending suggest about the mission of the church today?

MY TAKEAWAY



CONGRATULATIONS

You Have Completed the Book of Acts!

Over the past 40 days, you have walked alongside the apostles as the Holy Spirit launched the church from a small room in Jerusalem to the heart of the Roman Empire. May the same Spirit who empowered them continue to work powerfully in your life.

"He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ – with all boldness and without hindrance!"

— Acts 28:31, NIV

Final Reflection

What is the single most important thing God has taught you through Acts?

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