

Day 21

Acts 1

Journal and/or do discussion questions

Acts is an account of the events that took place after Jesus' death and resurrection.

- 1) When Jesus was about to ascend back to Heaven, he told the disciples to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit before they start doing ministry. What does this tell us about the importance of the Holy Spirit in our ministry? Do you rely on the Holy Spirit in your ministry?

- 2) In verse 8 Jesus says they will be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. This would be comparable to saying "Hallsville, Texas and the U.S., and to the ends of the earth." What does this mean for you life? What ministry does God have for you now?

- 3) When Jesus ascended and His disciples were on their own, verse 3 says "they all joined together constantly in prayer." What does this tell us about the importance of community and prayer? Do you practice what you believe?

Day 22

Acts 2

Journal and/or do discussion questions

Acts is an account of the events that took place after Jesus' death and resurrection.

- 1) When you pray and when you go through your day, do you realize you're with a God of this type of power? Do you live each day with this belief or do you, as warned against in 1 Thessalonians 5:19, quench the Spirit?

- 2) What sticks out to you the most from Peter's speech? Reflect on this.

- 3) In verses 42-47 we see what church is supposed to be. What needs to change in you in order for you to be obedient?

Day 23

Acts 3

Journal and/or do discussion questions

Acts is an account of the events that took place after Jesus' death and resurrection.

- 1) Peter, after healing the lame man, deflected praise and gave all the glory to God. Do you do the same with your good deeds?

- 2) Can people look at your life and think "there's no way he/she could do this on their own. The only explanation is that God must be at work."

- 3) Notice how to Peter, meeting physical needs wasn't enough. He absolutely delighted in meeting physical needs, but he always looked at this as an opportunity to lead people to Christ. Can the same be said about your ministry/acts of service?

Day 24

Acts 4

Journal and/or do discussion questions

Acts is an account of the events that took place after Jesus' death and resurrection.

- 1) In verses 1-4, was their suffering worth it? What does a fully devoted life of living out your witness look like for you? Who would you reach out to? Would the risks/suffering be worth it?

- 2) Peter just proclaimed the gospel to the people who arrested him for proclaiming the gospel. Think about the transformation in Peter between last week's reading and now. What does this say about God's transformative power in the lives of those who submit to Him? How should this affect the way we view believers/nonbelievers?

- 3) Reflect on what the believers turned to in this time of trial and suffering.

4) Reflect on verses 32-37.

Day 25

Acts 5

Journal and/or do discussion questions

Acts is an account of the events that took place after Jesus' death and resurrection.

- 1) The passage on Ananias and Sapphira is a tough one, but it's God's perfect Word and a passage we must strive to understand. Think about what the church has been up to this point in the book of Acts. Why would God take such strict actions against this sin?
- 2) Think about the incredible spread of the church up to this point. What has been the driving force and power behind it? Do you/we as a church follow this formula?

3) Reflect on verses 29-32. What needs to change in your life in order for you to follow/obey God rather than human beings?

4) Celebrate and reflect on verses 41-42.