

Book of Acts

Lesson 1

STUDENT OUTLINE

1. Purpose: To study the first church with the intention of living the way they lived and responded to the call of Jesus.
2. Author: Luke. Considered to be part 2 of the Gospel of Luke.
 - a. Continuation of what Jesus did and taught – Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1
3. Themes in the Book of Acts
 - a. Power of the Spirit – Acts 1:4-5
 - i. **Challenge to the modern church:** Depending on the Holy Ghost as a measure of success.
 - b. Priority on Evangelism – Acts 1:8
 - i. **Challenge to the modern church:** There is only 1 way to God.
 1. Pluralism: a condition or system in which two or more states, groups, principles, sources of authority, etc., coexist
 - ii. **Challenge to the modern church:** Self-preservation was not a value
 - c. Community Life – Acts 2:42
 - i. **Challenge to the modern church:** – The church was not individualistic, selfish or focused on personal privacy. They were a tight knit Community.
 - d. Teaching – Making disciples was a priority
 - i. **Challenge to the modern church:** Performance preaching is not a priority.
 - e. Prayer – Prayer is mentioned more in Acts than any other book in the New Testament.
 - i. **Challenge to the modern church:** Prayer is not an option.

NOTES:

- f. Breaking Human Barriers
 - i. Reaching the world is the goal.
 - g. The Place of Suffering
 - i. Suffering was embraced and celebrated.
 - ii. **Challenge to the modern church:** Suffering is a basic ingredient of discipleship.
 - h. Sovereignty of God – God is in control
 - i. **Challenge to the modern church:** The just shall live by faith.
 - i. Jewish Reaction to the Gospel
4. It started with a commission – Acts 1:4-8
- a. Don't leave without the promise
 - b. Don't worry about the end – just complete your mission.
 - c. Jesus Ascended – Acts 1:9-11

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