

Bible Study at Good Shepherd

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM

Acts is a story of hope. It is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit was chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds; and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

Following are comments from some of the participants of Good Shepherd Catholic Church's study of The Great Adventure Bible Study of Acts of the Apostles.

"I enjoyed studying the book of Acts. This book of the Bible was filled with valuable information. We studied about Peter, Stephen, Philip, and others. The apostles were willing to focus on how God wanted to use their lives and how they could help other people no matter what it costs them personally. The life of Paul made the biggest impression on me. Once he was converted and became a Christian, he was totally dedicated to bringing the gospel to the Gentiles. Paul overcame many obstacles and gave everything he could for the cause of Christ."-Debbie

"Being part of this Bible Study has been Great! Learning and understanding more of the Bible has been uplifting and rewarding. One of the things I enjoy most is we always have something to say, contribute and still have fun sharing with one another. I have learned a lot and also appreciate Mass even more. Looking forward to our next Bible Study this year."-Cheryl

"Every Sunday you hear passages from scripture. In our Bible Study, as Paul Harvey used to say this is "the rest of the story."-Sue

"In studying the Acts of the Apostles, I found I was amazed at how powerful a force the Holy Spirit was and still is. The Apostles went from timidity to fearlessness due to His intercession. St. Paul went from fierce opponent to an adamant, relentless defender. I was given a taste of this fervor during Lent especially on Palm Sunday. I found myself, while reading the Passion, I was inspired to emphasize certain words and phrases and to express how deeply I felt about it all. None of it was planned. I have no doubt the Holy Spirit was using my voice as he used the Apostle's voices."-Meg

"Another name for this book could be The Acts of the Holy Spirit. It shows the activity of the Holy Spirit in the founding and growth of the Church. It shows, over and over again, how the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of the apostles and Paul. I understand how God restored Israel (God's faithfulness to the covenant He made in the Old Testament). The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the body of Christ and temple of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us grace and power to go out and live the gospel. Today we are to be Jesus' witnesses, just as the apostles were. If we come to studying the Word of God focused on having an encounter with the Lord, he will speak to our heart and we will be transformed."-Kathy

We have started a new Bible Study Here at Good Shepherd. We are studying Romans: The Gospel of Salvation in The Great Adventure Series. Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. This study will help you understand the overarching theme of Romans-salvation.

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