

Basic Training in the Bible

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3 large movements in the Book of Acts

1. ACTS 1-12: _____
2. ACTS 13-20: _____
3. ACTS 21-28: _____

Movement 1

- Feast of Harvest or Feast of Weeks or Pentecost?
- What does fire represent in the Old Testament?
- Now, that fire dwells in people's bodies. We are now _____ temples.
- Persecuted Christians scatter, but this is _____ news.
- The Road to Damascus

Movement II:

- Cities along the Mediterranean Sea are pivotal for Paul's journeys because they are
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Acts 15: Council at Jerusalem
- Paul's pattern
 1. Share the _____
 2. Teach them the _____
 3. Move _____

- Paul believed that
 1. His own hardships were a _____ of Jesus' life.
 2. He was showing them Jesus in the way he _____.
 3. He was a _____.

Movement 3:

- Paul heads to Jerusalem and is almost killed there.
- Paul's trials and imprisonment look a lot like Jesus's.
 - The Jewish Sanhedrin
 - The Roman Procurator
 - One of the Herods
- Paul is shipwrecked
- Paul under house arrest in Rome

“For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ, and no one tried to stop him.”

-Acts 28:30-31

The Book of Acts is H_____, T_____ and M_____

We learn

- Jesus and the Spirit are a part of everything in Acts.
- Nothing can hinder the gospel.
- Luke was with Paul (Acts may be a bit of a diary).
- The book is all about God's mission to offer salvation to the Jew and Gentile.
- Hermeneutically, Acts cannot be read merely as either historical, didactic, or prescriptive...It is less about specifics and more about the overall picture.

We are to view this triumphant, joyful, forward-moving expansion of the gospel into the Gentile world, empowered by the Holy Spirit and resulting in changed lives and local communities, as God's intent for the continuing church. And precisely because this is God's intent for the church, nothing can hinder it, neither Sanhedrin nor synagogue, dissension nor narrow-mindedness, prison nor plot. Luke, therefore, probably intended that the ongoing church should be “like them,” but in the larger sense of proclaiming the good news to the entire world, not by modeling itself on any specific example.

(How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, 119)

Reading Plans

OPTION 1

6 chapters a day x 4 days, 4 chapters x 1 day

Option 2

Read one of the three movements, listed on page one