



Acts of the Apostles

Syllabus Winter 2019

January 2 - April 10, 2019

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Course Description

Acts of the Apostles is Luke's second volume bringing to fulfilment what was promised from the early chapters of Luke's Gospel. We will look at how the early church was empowered for witness to their Jewish context, but then how they changed and adapted to bring the good news of Jesus to the Gentile world as well.

Learning Outcomes

- To read Acts in its historical context
- To understand Luke's emphases about Jesus the risen Jesus and the gospel about him
- To allow scripture to read us (rather than us reading it only), thereby deepening our discipleship journey; sanctification
- To be able to teach from this book with confidence and skill

Required Text

Fitch, David E. *Faithful Presence: Seven Disciplines That Shape the Church for Mission*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2016.

Participants

This class is operated on a drop in, drop out basis. Participants are not required to come to every class, simply as they desire or are able to. It would be helpful if participants brought a Bible in order to follow along with the discussion. Participants may also benefit from bringing a means to take notes as there will be a lot of information. Finally, for those who want to go deeper and get more out of this course, it is recommended that they:

Read through the book in large and small sections each week. Reading out loud versus silently would also be a benefit in this area. This will give an increased familiarity with the letter and will help to capture the whole.

Read N.T. Wright's *Acts for Everyone*, 2 Volumes along with the section readings for each week.

This course is not a Bible study, rather it is presented in course format as a Text and Interpretation: Acts of the Apostles, such as you might take at the Bible College or University level (though no papers, exams, or grades!). As such, it is lecture based though we welcome questions throughout the entire

class. We have scheduled our time so that we spend an hour of working through the material and then have thirty minutes to discuss Fitch's book.

At the end of the course participants will be asked to provide feedback on the course so we might adjust the format for future classes. If participants desire to give feedback as the course progresses or if they have question that come up outside of class time they are encouraged to email David at david@northview.sk.ca.

Course Schedule

WEDNESDAY	SECTION	TEXT	
January 2, 2019	Forty Days and After Day of Pentecost	Acts 1:1-26 Acts 2:1-47	
January 9, 2019 (NES)	Act of Healing Peter & John before Sanhedrin	Acts 3:1-26 Acts 4:1-31	
January 16, 2019	Apostles and Sanhedrin Seven and Stephen	Acts 4:32-5:42 Acts 6:1-8:1	Introduction
January 23, 2019	Philip Conversion of Saul of Tarsus	Acts 8:1-40 Acts 9:1-31	Chapter 1
January 30, 2019	Important Events of Peter Peter Vindicated & Antioch Base	Acts 9:32-10:48 Acts 11:1-30	Chapter 2
February 6, 2019	Peter, Herod, Barnabas and Saul Cyprus and Pisidian Antioch	Acts 12:1-13:3 Acts 13:4-52	Chapter 3
February 13, 2019	Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe Council of Jerusalem	Acts 14:1-28 Acts 15:1-41	Chapter 4
February 20, 2019	Paul, Silas, and Timothy in Philippi Thessalonica to Athens	Acts 16:1-40 Acts 17:1-34	Chapter 5
February 27, 2019	Corinth and Ephesus Riot, Visit to Macedonia and Greece	Acts 18:1-19:22 Acts 19:23-20:6	Chapter 6
March 6, 2019	NO CLASS —Ash Wednesday		
March 13, 2019	NO CLASS —All That Jazz		
March 20, 2019	Journey to Jerusalem Paul's Arrival and Arrest	Acts 20:7-38 Acts 21:1-36	Chapter 7
March 29, 2019	Paul's Defence The Plot Against Paul	Acts 21:37-22:30 Acts 23:1-35	Chapter 8
April 3, 2019	Paul Before Felix, Festus, & Agrippa Paul's Apology	Acts 24:1-25:22 Acts 25:23-26:32	Chapter 9
April 10, 2019	Paul Sail's for Rome & Shipwreck Paul Winters, then Arrives	Acts 27:1-44 Acts 28:1-31	Epilogue