



NORTHSIDE
FELLOWSHIP

EQUIP – NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW
ACTS

Introductory Information

- ***Author:*** Luke
- ***Date:*** Early 60s AD
- ***Destination:*** “Theophilus”
- ***Main Theme:*** Salvation History – The birth and mission of the early church
- ***Purpose:*** A defense of the Christian church showing the expansion of the early church from a Jewish sect to a worldwide movement
- ***Key Verse:*** Acts 1:8

Main Themes

- *The Holy Spirit empowers and advances the mission of the church.*
- *The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of salvation to the Jews and all the nations.*
- *The Kingdom of God advances through tribulation and interaction with the kingdoms of men.*

How the Story of Acts Flows

- *Preparation for the Mission – Ch. 1*
- *The Mission in Jerusalem – Chs. 2-7*
- *The Mission to Judea and Samaria – Chs. 8-12*
- *The Mission to the Ends of the Earth – Chs. 13-28*
 - *Paul's 3 Missionary Journeys – Chs. 13-20*
 - *Paul's Long Journey to Rome – Chs. 21-28*

Preparation for the Mission (Ch. 1)

- *Jesus instructs the disciples about the Kingdom. (v. 3)*
- *Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. (v. 4)*
- *Jesus gives them the roadmap. (v. 8)*
- *Jesus ascends the Father in Heaven where He reigns. (v. 9-11)*

The Mission in Jerusalem (Chs. 2-7)

- *The Holy Spirit births the church at Pentecost. (Ch. 2)*
- *There is harmony and holiness within the church, but hostility from outside the church. (Chs. 3-5)*
- *The first martyr and first major persecution pushes the Gospel outside of Jerusalem. (Chs. 6-8)*

The Mission to Judea and Samaria (Chs. 8-12)

- *The Gospel reaches the Gentiles in Samaria and Africa through Philip. (Ch. 8)*
- *The Gospel will reach the Gentiles through the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. (Ch. 9)*
- *The Gospel reaches the Gentiles in Caesarea through Peter. (Ch. 9-11)*
- *The Gospel unites Jews and Gentiles in Antioch. (Ch. 11)*

Ends of the Earth: Missionary Journeys (Chs. 13-20)

- *The Gospel goes to the ends of the earth through Paul's 3 missionary journeys. (Chs. 13-20)*

Paul's Missionary Journeys



Paul's First Missionary Journey

Antioch, Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe (Returning: Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Perga, Attalia, Antioch)

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Jerusalem, Antioch, Syria, Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Troas, Neapolis, Philippi, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Caesarea, Jerusalem

Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Antioch, the region of Galatia and Phrygia, Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth, Troas, Miletus, Patara, Paphos, Tyre, Caesarea, Jerusalem

Paul's Journey to Rome

Jerusalem, Caesarea, Sidon, Myra, Fair Havens, Malta, Syracuse, Rhegium, Puteoli, Rome

Ends of the Earth: Missionary Journeys (Chs. 13-20)

- *The Gospel goes to the ends of the earth through Paul's 3 missionary journeys. (Chs. 13-20)*
- *The tensions between Jews and Gentiles are clarified at the Jerusalem Council. (Ch. 15)*

Ends of the Earth: Journey to Rome (Chs. 21-28)

- *Paul's arrest in Jerusalem brings him to Caesarea. (Chs. 21-23)*
- *Paul's trials before the authorities bring him to Rome. (Chs. 23-26)*







Ends of the Earth: Journey to Rome (Chs. 21-28)

- *Paul's arrest in Jerusalem brings him to Caesarea. (Chs. 21-22)*
- *Paul's trials before the authorities bring him to Rome. (Chs. 23-26)*
- *Paul's arrest in Rome allows the Gospel to go forth unhindered. (Ch. 28)*