

## Invitation and Overview of the Four-Week Bible Study on the Book of Acts

**Invitation:** Journey through the book of Acts, the only biblical book that chronicles the history of the church immediately after Jesus's ascension. As such, it provides us with a valuable account of how the church was able to grow and spread out from Jerusalem into the rest of the Roman Empire. In only three decades, a small group of frightened believers in Jerusalem transformed into an empire-wide movement of people who had committed their lives to Jesus Christ, ending on a high note with Paul on the verge of taking the gospel to the highest government official in the land—the Emperor of Rome.

**Why:** Because Jesus' tells his disciples: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) This powerful verse reminds us that Jesus did not call us to be a settled church, but a church sent to participate in God's mission!

**Where:** Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Zion's fellowship hall.

**How:** Each session will include prayer, a presentation, conversations around the table, sharing insights, and wonderments for Zion and our own discipleship.

<b>Schedule and Focus:</b>	July 17	Acts 1 - 2	"You will be my witnesses..."
	July 24	Acts 3 - 8	"...in Jerusalem..."
	July 31	Acts 9 - 12	"...in all Judea and Samaria..."
	Aug. 7	Acts 13 - 28	"...and to the ends of the earth."

**Encouragement:** Participate as you are able. Invite a friend to join you. Consider preparing for this study by reading this book in your Bible. Make a note of what caught your attention, what you noticed and wondered about that you could bring along with your Bible to the study for further conversation.

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