

Acts^x
FIELD
GUIDE



WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE

The book of Acts isn't just history - it's movement.

It's the story of ordinary people empowered by the Holy Spirit to live with bold faith, radical generosity, and purpose beyond themselves. You've received the invitation.

- ***To follow.***
- ***To be filled.***
- ***To be part of something bigger than yourself.***

Over the past weeks, we've explored ACTS: The Invitation - the call to follow Jesus, to be filled with His Spirit, and to be part of what He's doing in the world.

Now the journey begins.

Over the next six weeks, this field guide will help you:

- ***Reflect on what God has already done***
- ***Capture what He's speaking to you***
- ***Step into the adventure He's inviting you into***

Let this be more than notes.

Let this be your story in motion.

Stay on the Trail - Your Guide for the Journey

- Don't leave this behind. This guide is meant to go with you.
- Bring it with you each week, jot down what stands out, and stay engaged with what God is doing.
- As you follow along in the Acts reading plan (pg. 5), you'll begin to see the story come to life and discover how you're part of it.

LET'S BEGIN THE JOURNEY TOGETHER.

WEEKS 1-6

RECAP

Where We've Been in ACTS: The Invitation

Over the past six weeks, we've walked through The Invitation - God's call to follow Jesus, to be filled with His Spirit, and to be part of His movement in the world.

These moments weren't just history. They were an invitation.

An invitation to trust God in the waiting. To live with bold faith. To go all in. To stay faithful, even when circumstances get difficult.

Scan the QR to revisit any of the messages from the first six weeks and see how the story has been unfolding.



WEEK 1

WAIT ON THE WIND

God works in the waiting before the moving.

ACTS 1

Key Insight: The Spirit came in power.

Application: Don't rush what God is preparing.



WEEK 2

SEEK A HIGHER POWER

The Holy Spirit is not optional—it's essential.

ACTS 2

Key Insight: Boldness replaced fear.

Application: Depend on the Spirit daily.



WEEK 3

GET UP AND WALK

Healing brings restoration, not just spectacle.

ACTS 3

Key Insight: Jesus heals beyond the surface.

Application: What we carry is meant to be given away.



WEEK 4

SAY IT LIKE IT IS

Spirit-led people speak truth, even when risky.

ACTS 4

Key Insight: Boldness is birthed by the Spirit.

Application: Truth matters more than approval.



WEEK 5

CROSS THE LINE & GO ALL IN

Spirit-led community is radically generous.

ACTS 6:1-7

Key Insight: Generosity is a mark of maturity.

Application: Be free with time and resources.



WEEK 6

SUFFER WELL

The Spirit empowers us to stand faithful.

ACTS 6:8-7:60

Key Insight: Faithfulness matters more than comfort.

Application: Our witness is strongest in adversity.

ACTS READING PLAN

Each week, read through the assigned chapter(s) at least twice. Approach them as a story — picture the scene, and imagine what those present experienced and felt. As you read, highlight passages and jot down notes about what catches your attention and where you have questions.



Start here with a video overview of the book of Acts from The Bible Project. This will help set some context for the reading plan.

- Week 1 - Acts 1
- Week 2 - Acts 2-3
- Week 3 - Acts 4-5
- Week 4 - Acts 6-7
- Week 5 - Acts 8-10
- Week 6 - Acts 11-12
- Week 7 - Acts 13-14
- Week 8 - Acts 15-17
- Week 9 - Acts 18-20
- Week 10 - Acts 21-23
- Week 11 - Acts 24-26
- Week 12 - Acts 27-28

THE FIRST CENTURY MEDITERRANEAN WORLD



This map shows many of the places found in the New Testament. It is not a comprehensive map. Follow along with us as we discuss these places and how they impacted the early church.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR A LARGE DETAILED MAP, TRACING THE ENTIRE JOURNEY OF PAUL AS HE SHARED THE STORY OF JESUS WITH THE WORLD



GET COMFORTABLE BEING UNCOMFORTABLE



SCATTERED BUT SENT

Persecution didn't stop the church, it spread it.

Sometimes disruption is direction.



Trail Thought

God often uses discomfort to move His mission forward.



Ask Yourself

Where is God stretching me?



Take a Step

Do one thing this week that requires faith.

Bibles & BACKPACKS

LIFE BY LIFE IN ACTION

As we step into Acts, we're reminded it's about ordinary people meeting real needs with Jesus' hope.

Through our partnership with **Ancora**, **1,500 children receive food every weekend—200,000+ meals** this past year in Central Texas.

This school year, we can step in further. The **Back to School Extravaganza** provides backpacks, supplies, encouragement, and **the lasting hope of God's Word.**



They shared everything they had... and there were no needy persons among them.”

Acts 4:32-34

- **1,500+ Kids** Fed Weekly
- **200k+ Meals** (Central TX)
- **Backpacks, Supplies, Bibles** provided



THE \$10 CHALLENGE

STEP INTO THE ADVENTURE

\$5: Food



FEEDS A CHILD
for an entire weekend



\$5: Bible



PROVIDES A BIBLE
for a family

THE \$10 CHALLENGE:

Just the cost of one lunch, above your usual giving, meets both practical and spiritual needs.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

100% Goes Directly to Efforts

May 24th & 31st



DROP YOUR ENVELOPE

at one of our giving stations



GIVE ONLINE AT

gatewaychurch.com/give



TEXT "GIVE" TO (737) 510-4483

Select "Bibles & Backpacks"
(only available through May 31st, 2026)

STEP OUT OF THE MARGINS AND INTO THE MOVEMENT



FROM CURIOSITY TO COMMITMENT

The Ethiopian eunuch went from seeker to baptized believer.

What starts as curiosity, leads to transformation.



Did You Know?

This may represent one of the first African followers of Jesus.



Trail Thought

The Gospel reaches further than you think!



Ask Yourself

Where in your life are you still just curious about Jesus, rather than fully surrendered to Him?



Take a Step

Move from curiosity to commitment this week.

BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS



BREAKING BARRIERS

The Gospel is for everyone.

While culture builds boundaries, the Spirit builds bridges.



Barrier Note

The Gospel doesn't just cross barriers - it breaks them.



Trail Thought

God smashes our assumptions and expands our vision of who belongs in His family.



Ask Yourself

What walls exist in my life?

What walls need to come down in my heart, church, or community?



Take a Step

Build a bridge this week instead of a wall.

LEARN THE LANGUAGE



SPEAKING THEIR LANGUAGE

The message stays the same, methods adapt. The Church doesn't preach at culture, it enters into conversation.



Cultural Insight

Paul changed his approach, not his message.



Trail Thought

The Spirit helps us speak the Gospel in a language the world understands.



Ask Yourself

How can I better communicate my faith?
How well do you know your cultural context?



Take a Step

Listen first, then speak with cultural intelligence.

BURN THE IDOLS



COSTLY FAITH

The gospel transforms lives so deeply it disrupts culture and systems. Following Jesus isn't just counter cultural - it's costly. Freedom is found in surrender.



Cost of Faith

Following Jesus may cost you comfort, control, or identity.



Trail Thought

Spirit-led discipleship challenges idols and may cost comfort, but leads to deep transformation.



Ask Yourself


What is competing for my devotion?
What idols in your life or community need to be burned down?




Take a Step

Identify one false priority and surrender it this week.

FINISH STRONG

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 Paul arrived in Rome in chains, but the gospel was still advancing.
 Faithfulness fuels it, not just your circumstances.



Trail Thought
 Faithfulness over time leads to impact.



Ask Yourself

What does finishing strong look like for me?




Take a Step

Write down your next step:

Three horizontal lines for writing the next step.

WHERE WILL YOU GO FROM HERE?

 **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?**

 **WHO ARE YOU REACHING?**

 **WHAT STEP WILL YOU TAKE?**



**THE ADVENTURE DOESN'T END HERE. TAKE
YOUR NEXT STEP IN THE BIGGER STORY GOD
HAS FOR YOU!**

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Following Jesus is a journey, and you don't have to take the next step alone.

Here are a few ways to move forward:



CONSIDER BAPTISM

Keep reading, reflecting, and responding to what God is saying.



JOIN A GROUP OR A CLASS

Connect with others on the journey. Faith grows deeper in community.



START SERVING

Use your gifts to make a difference. The movement needs you.



STAY IN THE WORD

Keep reading, reflecting, and responding to what God is saying.

gatewaychurch.com/connect

Scan to take your next step.



GREAT NEXT STEPS FOR KIDS



Kids Summer Camps -

an unforgettable experience filled with fun, faith, and life-changing moments



Born to Lead -

helping kids grow as spiritual leaders through four habits: gathering in community, growing in faith, giving, and going out to share the love of Jesus

More information is available at gatewaychurch.com/kids, or scan the QR code to the right.



Questions? Not sure where to start?

Scan the code below and fill out a Connect Card. We'd love to connect with you.



The mission didn't end with Paul. And it doesn't end with us. **It continues through you.**

NEXT SERIES:

JULY 12-26



BUTTERFLY EFFECT

VOICES 2026



But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the
earth.

ACTS 1:8



