

Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study Fall 2022
“The Book of Acts” (Part 1)

6:30pm-Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Bring your Bible, paper, pen, and brown bag supper (drink optional)—iced tea/ water provided

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Scriptures to Read/Questions for Reflection</u>
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*Each week’s focus—read these verses aloud, 3 times if possible. Ask yourself:
 What word or phrase jumps out? What do you see/hear? What is God saying to you?

September 7	The Holy Spirit and Early Church	Read Acts 2, Focus:* 2:37-47
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1. Read Acts 1:8—Why is this story happening?
2. What strikes you about the Pentecost story (2:1-15)?
3. What stands out in Peter’s sermon (2:14-36)? What instructions did he give?
4. The Holy Spirit gave Peter and others the boldness to speak--What gifts have you received from God? How do you use them to help others?
5. What were the main components of the early church’s life together (2:43-47)? How do these apply to us today in the church?
6. How has your faith grown through the church community?

Sept. 14	Witnesses	Read Acts 3-4, Focus:* Acts 3:1-16
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1. Who helped you understand the gospel and how?
2. What is happening in this passage?
3. What were Peter and John able to give the crippled man? What doors did this open for him, and for them?
4. Why is Peter’s explanation of the healing significant? What does this mean for us today?
5. What do we learn from Peter’s example? How are you a witness for Christ?
6. What excuses do we use for keeping our faith quiet? In what ways can we share the good news?

Sept. 21	Tested	Read Acts 5, Focus: *Acts 5:17-33
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1. Who do you know who has stood up for what’s right and what made them so courageous?
2. What is the situation between the religious leaders and the apostles? What accusations were hurled against the apostles?
3. Why does Peter say they must continue their ministry?
4. How do you seek to follow God’s authority, over human authority?
5. What can we learn from the apostles about criticism and unfair treatment in our lives?
6. What is some of the opposition we face to our faith today?

Sept. 28 Following the Spirit Read Acts 8, Focus: *Acts 8:26-40

1. Think of a time you felt compelled by God to help someone—what did you do?
2. What is significant about the person Philip helps?
3. What is the result of Philip's obedience?
4. How do we pay attention to the Holy Spirit's leading today? How do we recognize the Spirit's voice?
5. What holds us back from obedience? What is the danger in ignoring the Spirit?
6. What is the Holy Spirit leading you to do in your life today?

Oct 5 Conversion Read Acts 9, Focus: *Acts 9:3-20

1. When have you seen God change someone's life?
2. Who is Saul and how does God convert him? Does he apologize for his former life? Why is that significant?
3. What do we learn from the obedience of Ananias?
4. What is the power of Saul's conversion for us today? What do we learn about God, and people?
5. How has God used you to minister to someone else, or to share the good news?
6. What is your own conversion story? (or a story of God at work in your life?)

Oct 12 Unity Read Acts 10, Focus: *Acts 10:24-35

1. How were Peter and Cornelius brought together?
2. What lesson did God give Peter and how? How does this apply to us today?
3. What differences divide Christians today?
4. Which issues are worth fighting over, and which ones are not? How can we stay together even when we disagree?
5. How can we build a sense of unity in the church? What does our unity say to the world around us?
6. What has been most impactful in our study of Acts?