

Week # 3
“Acts: Mission, Movement, & Mandate of the Church” Series
Cedar Grove Church – April 17, 2016

Participants Guide

Acts 12 – 17
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GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. An outline of chapters 12 to 17 of Acts was given as follows:
Ch. 12 – Peter Escapes (v.6-7,12); Herod Eaten (v.22-24)
Ch. 13 – Missions Born (v.1-2); Cypress (v.4-5); Pisidian Antioch (v. 13-15,47-48)
Ch. 14 – Death Threats (v.4-5); Assassination Attempt (v.19); Testimony Time (v.26-27)
Ch. 15 – Salvation (v.1,5); Expectation (v.28-29); Disagreement (v.37-39)
Ch. 16 – Timothy (v.2-4); Lydia (v.14-15); Silas (v.22,25,31)
Ch. 17 – Thessalonica (v.2-3); Berea (v.11-12); Athens (v.22-23)
2. In Acts 12:22-24, the account is given of the people worshipping self-centered Herod who refused to honour God, and of God striking him down. What do you think the connection is between our dishonouring God and His judgment on us? Is there any?
3. In Acts 13:1-5, modern missions is born and the Holy Spirit prompts the church to send out Saul (Paul) and Barnabas as the first missionaries. Do you think it is still important for churches to pray over and send out missionaries, and how should we support them?
4. Acts 13:47-48 records Paul and Silas declaring that their mission is to be a light for the Gentiles (people like we non-Jews) and to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. Is that task finished? When do you think it might be?
5. Acts 14 recounts the plot of the Judaizers to try to destroy Paul, which they almost did in Lystra when they stoned him (v.19). Who do you think are the main enemies today of Christians who proclaim the gospel (good news) of salvation through Jesus Christ? How are we to treat such people?
6. In Acts 15:28-29 why did the church limit what was required of new believers to abstaining from sexual immorality and not eating food offered to idols, and not demand circumcision?

7. In Acts 17:11-12 the Berean Christians were commended (praised) for what, and how is that an example for us today?

8. Christian living (following salvation) is about growing in our obedience to the will and ways of God? As you assess your life, where do you feel you are at now in
 - (a) **your obedience to God** and

 - (b) in your relationship **with Cedar Grove Church?**

Community	5-10,000	Aware	Need / Support
Crowd	1-1,500	Association	Events / Activities
Congregation	750	Attendance	Hit / Miss
Committed	362	Active	Accountable
Core	200	Accountable	Engaged

PRAYER TIME:

1. Share needs that groups members may have and close in prayer.

2. Pray especially for any struggles that were shared in the last question or to give praise for victories or progress that was reported.

This Week's Reading Assignment: Acts, Chapters 12-17

Memory verse: Acts 16:31 – *“They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.’”*