

Week # 4
“Acts: Mission, Movement, & Mandate of the Church” Series
Cedar Grove Church – April 24, 2016

Leaders Guide

Acts 18 – 22
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NOTE TO LG LEADERS:

Each Study guide may provide you with more questions than you will have time to get through in your discussion. You do not need to cover them all. Choose the ones that will best suit your group and focus on those. ~ Pastor Ross

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Feedback from Last Sunday

Rigid	Blessed	TMI	Shocked
Exaggerated	Truth	Embarrassed	Offended



1. Before starting this week’s study, are there were any questions or points you want to discuss from the Feedback from the week before that Pastor Kevin discussed (see above).
 - Lead a brief discussion to clear up any confusion or anxiety that may be in anyone before moving into this week’s study.

2. An outline of chapters 18 to 22 of Acts was given as follows:
 - Ch. 18 – Corinth (v.1-16); Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos (v.18-27)
 - Ch. 19 – Holy Spirit (v.1-7); Riot (v. 23-41)
 - Ch. 20 – Eutychus (v.7-12); Farewells (v.13-18)
 - Ch. 21 – Jerusalem (v.1-16); Arrested (v.27-36)
 - Ch. 22 – Testimony (v.1-21); Duel Citizen (v.22-29)

3. In Acts 18 we see Paul faithfully teaching and preaching the gospel in Corinth in the face of much opposition from the Jewish leaders there? As a result, Crispus, the synagogue leader and his whole family are saved and baptized, along with many others. God came to reassure Paul with a great message of encouragement in Acts 18:9-10 - *“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to*

attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” Have you ever felt opposed in your witnessing for Jesus Christ, yet at the same time been encouraged by the Lord to keep on faithfully sharing? Tell about your experience.

- Point out that when Paul asked for prayer, it was not for protection, but for boldness to keep preaching! Is this what we pray for, or do we seek comfort and safety only?
4. In Acts 19:1-7 Paul preaches to the Gentile Christians at Ephesus about their need for the Holy Spirit? They knew nothing about this or baptism in the name of Jesus. But when they were baptized in Jesus name, they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in fullness? Have you received the baptizing fullness of the Holy Spirit? If so, share when and how it happened for you.
 - Go to # 4 to explain how this can happen for each person.
 5. How does one receive the Holy Spirit’s fullness? Just as you brought your sinful person to Jesus Christ for his forgiveness and by faith received his free gift of salvation, in the same way bring your entire redeemed person to God, and with the same kind of faith, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and become the Lord and Master of your life. The God who saves you also wants to fill you. Receive Him now in his fullness by faith.
 - Encourage anyone who has not yet surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ to do this now! As a group, pray for those who express a desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When this happens, everything on the inside, is now on God’s side!
 6. In Acts 21:1-16 Paul and his group returned to Jerusalem and were warmly received by James and the brothers and sisters in the church there. What were the people most pleased about in Paul’s report?
 - They were thrilled with accounts of how God was including Gentiles in the Kingdom of God – no distinction.
 - They were also thrilled at how many thousands of Jews were trusting in Christ as their Messiah and turning to follow Him. Reflection: Do we rejoice as much when we see God working today?

PRAYER TIME:

1. Make time to share needs that members may have before closing in prayer.
2. Pray especially for any who may have been struggling over the content of previous messages.
3. Pray for any who expressed desire to be baptized with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

[Encourage all group members to read the passages and memorize the verse this week . . .]

This Week’s Reading Assignment: Acts 18-22

Memory verse: Acts 18:10 – *“For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.”*