

I. Introduction: Acts records the words and deeds of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles, as they began the mission of preaching the resurrection of Jesus to ends of the earth.

A. Acts is meant to be a fire starter book. Its aim is to awaken the church from lethargy to active participation in the Gospel preaching! We are called to be Jesus' witnesses!

II. Five Lessons From the Book of Acts (Acts 1-28).

A. Boldness (Acts 4:13; 9:27-28; 13:46; 14:3; 18:26; 19:8; 26:26; 28:31).

B. Yieldedness (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 36-42; 4:7-13; 29-31; 9:17-19; 13:9-11; 52).

C. Repentance (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 11:18; 13:24; 17:30; 19:4; 20:21; 26:20).

D. Prayer (Acts 1:14, 24-25; 4:24-30; 6:6; 7:59-60; 9:40; 11:18; 13:3).

E. Witness (Acts 1:8, 22; 2:32; 3:15; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31; 22:15, 20; 26:16).

III. Conclusion: The task of making disciples in this world is unfinished, and we are called, like the disciples to be witnesses of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Questions About: Beyond the Book of Acts

1. Do you desire to have an impact in the world you live in? What impact did the Apostles have on the world in their day? (**Acts 17:6; 28:22**) What does the book of Acts tell us about them?
2. How was boldness demonstrated by the Apostles? (**Acts 4:1-13; 9:27-28; 28:31**) Would you characterize your walk as bold? How did they become bold? (**Acts 4:29-31; Eph 6:18-19**)
3. How were the Apostles filled with the Holy Spirit? (**Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 36-42; 4:7-13**) What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? (**Eph 5:18**) Do you do what the Spirit tells you?
4. To whom did the Apostles preach repentance? (**Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 11:18; 13:24; 17:30; 19:4; 20:21; 26:20**) What is the benefit of repentance? (**Acts 3:19**)
5. How often did the church come together for prayer? (**Acts 1:14, 24-25; 4:24-30; 6:6; 7:60; 9:40; 11:18; 12:25; 13:3; 7:59**) Why was prayer so essential? Why is it difficult for us?
6. How did Jesus demonstrate a pattern for prayer? (**Matt 26:40; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 18:1**) If Jesus needed to pray, how much more do we need to pray? How can you pray more?
7. How did God call the Apostles to be witnesses for Him? (**Acts 1:8**) Why did God need eye-witnesses of the resurrection? What does a witness do in a court of law?
8. How is the work that Jesus (and the disciples) started unfinished? (**Matt 24:14**) How are we called to be witnesses? (**Acts 1:8**) Why do we need the Spirit to be witnesses? (**John 15:5**)

Prayer

1. Will you pray God would fill you with His Spirit to be a powerful witness for Him?
2. Will you pray God would use FBC Auburn to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth?