

THE FOLLOWING GIVES GUIDANCE TO HELP YOU STUDY THE SCRIPTURE EACH DAY. READ IT, OBSERVE WHAT IT SAYS, APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE, AND PRAY FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM RELATED TO WHAT YOU DISCOVERED.



S.O.A.P. BIBLE STUDY NOTES

scripture verse or verses that stand out to me

observation what do I feel God is showing me in this passage?

application what will I do about it? what do these verses ask me to do or change?

prayer thank him & ask him for wisdom to help you understand and strength and courage to help you apply these truths.

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DEVOTION GUIDE

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT



THE BOOK OF ACTS

INSIGHTS INTO THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

APRIL 17 - MAY 19, 2022

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**FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM @ JASPER FIRST UMC
WORSHIP - SUNDAY @ 8:30 AND 11:00**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. - Acts 2:1-4

Introduction

When I chose to read through the four Gospels to begin 2022, I had no plans to continue reading through the New Testament. I now have a plan. We will continue reading straight through the New Testament chapter by chapter until we finish just before Thanksgiving. We will have a few devotions related to Thanksgiving then move into Advent.

We now find ourselves at a beginning, the Book of Acts. We have read it twice previously and you are probably aware its basic content is related to the formation of the early Church. When you saw the front cover your mind possibly went to Genesis but we will be reading about a different beginning, the early church. It is important to understand the foundational principles of how the church started and the principles we can focus on from individual events. There is so much to learn from Acts and I look forward to reading it with you and sharing the devotion each day. Even though we have read Acts previously, we can read a text many times and gain new insight each time.

We will experience the Holy Spirit coming as a personal presence in each of us, Peter's powerful and prophetic preaching, the conversion of Saul, stories of conflict which needed to be resolved, and amazing stories of God's miraculous power being manifested. It's a birth story in many ways.

As we read about the beginning of the Church, I am going to provide a daily prayer focus related to the Church and the local church. I am providing a specific name for the folks at Jasper First UMC when applicable. If you attend a different church pray for the person or particular ministry related to your church.

Enjoy the next month as we see this story unfold. Send me your email address if you don't currently receive the daily devotion. I believe it will add to your experience.

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Sunday, April 17, 2022, Easter Sunday

Reflect - on what you learned from God's Word
Refuel - worship and celebrate the Resurrection!
Rest - your mind, body, and spirit

Monday, April 18, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 1
Pray - The Church

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 2
Pray - Your church - Jasper First UMC

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 3
Pray - Pastor(s) - Alan Beasley

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 4
Pray - Student Ministry

Friday, April 22, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 5
Pray - Student Pastor - Stuart Branstetter

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 6
Pray - Children's Ministry

Notes from the Week:

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Reflect - *on what you learned from God's Word*
Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*
Rest - *your mind, body, and spirit*

Monday, April 25, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 7
Pray - Children's Pastor - Tamara Matthews

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 8
Pray - Preschool and Teachers

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 9
Pray - Worship Services

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 10
Pray - Worship Leaders - Chris Trawick and John Stallsmith

Friday, April 29, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 11
Pray - Singers and Musicians

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 12
Pray - Sunday School

Notes from the Week:

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Reflect - *on what you learned from God's Word*
Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*
Rest - *your mind, body, and spirit*

Monday, May 2, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 13
Pray - Sunday School Teachers

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 14
Pray - Small Groups and Leaders

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 15
Pray - Men's Ministry

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 16
Pray - Women's Ministry

Friday, May 6, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 17
Pray - Office Staff - Cheryl Odle

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 18
Pray - Custodial Staff - Brandi Freeman and Ambers Sellers

Notes from the Week:

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Reflect - *on what you learned from God's Word*
Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*
Rest - *your mind, body, and spirit*

Monday, May 9, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 19
Pray - Mission Opportunities

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 20
Pray - Community Outreach and Impact

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 21
Pray - Church Finances

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 22
Pray - Church Attendance

Friday, May 13, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 23
Pray - Media Ministry - Lanny Capps and Thomas Ingle

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 24
Pray - Online Ministry/Social Media/Live Stream

Notes from the Week:

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Reflect - *on what you learned from God's Word*
Refuel - *worship and celebrate the Resurrection!*
Rest - *your mind, body, and spirit*

Monday, May 16, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 25
Pray - Volunteers

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 26
Pray - Special Events

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 27
Pray - The church will hunger for God's Word

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Scripture Reading - Acts 28
Pray - The church will be a praying church

Notes from the Week: