

ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, September 11, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 1 | Wait For It...

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus left us with a **MISSION**, v. 1-2, 8-11

tell God's story John 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

tell your story v. 8; Prov. 14:25; Acts 4:19-20; Psalm 66:16; Luke 8:39; 1 Corinthians 15:8-11

but to do it we need **HIS POWER** v. 3-7

the Resurrection = hope 1 Corinthians 15:17-20; 1 Peter 1:3

the Holy Spirit = power Acts 1:8; Luke 24:49; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; Acts 4:33

—we need **THE HOLY SPIRIT**. v. 8

He is a "Who" not a "what" 1 Corinthians 2:1-11; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 5:3-4

He always glorifies Jesus John 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3

He convicts the world of sin John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14

He changes us Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 3:3, 5; Titus 3:5

He helps and empowers us John 15:26-27; 14:17, 26; 16:13; Romans 8:9-12; 1 Cor. 12:4-10; Eph. 3:16



Want to Go Deeper?

Do you want to get more out of Acts than simply hearing it during the weekend services? Acts has 28 chapters. Try reading or listening to a chapter a day for 28 days and see how it will grow your understanding as we study it together! Visit <https://bible.is> to access a free text and audio version of the Bible, or scan the QR code. You can also download the **Bible.is** App.

ACTS FACTS

As we begin our study through the Book of Acts, here's a few background facts that may be helpful to know:

Purpose: Acts is intended to be a historical account of the birth and growth of Jesus's Church. Acts is actually the second book of a two-volume account written by Luke, the Gospel of Luke being part one. Each are nearly identical in length and follow similar patterns and conventions of ancient historiography.

Author: Luke (a Gentile physician)

To Whom Written: Theophilus (and all lovers of God)

Date Written: Between A.D. 63 and 65.

Setting: Acts is the connecting link between Jesus's life and the life of the Church. Where as Luke's Gospel covers an approximately 30-year period between 4 B.C. and A.D. 30, Acts covers the next 30 years up to about A.D. 60 or 62. We also find in Acts the setting for most of the New Testament Letters.

Key Verse: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." — Acts 1:8

Key People: Peter, John, James, Stephen, Philip, Paul, Barnabas, Cornelius, James (Jesus' brother), Timothy, Lydia, Silas, Titus, Apollos, Agabus, Ananias, Felix, Festus, Agrippa, Luke

Key Places: Jerusalem, Samaria, Lydda, Joppa, Antioch, Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Caesarea, Malta, Rome



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome Back to Life Groups!

This week we kick off our Fall Semester of Life Groups! Each week as we meet we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

What are one or two things you enjoyed most this summer?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. This weekend we heard how the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives to mature and grow us. **Galatians 5:13-26** adds to this picture of the Holy Spirit at work in the churches of Galatia and in our lives. As you read the passage in regard to the Holy Spirit at work ...
 - a. **Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
 - b. **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
 - c. **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR MISSION

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 1:6-9 (NIV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁶When the **apostles** met **together**, they asked **Jesus** a **question**. "**Lord**," they said, "are you **going** to **give** the **kingdom** back to **Israel** now?" ⁷He **said** to them, "You should not be **concerned** about **times** or **dates**. The **Father** has set them by his own **authority**." ⁸But you will **receive power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you. **Then** you will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**. You will be my witnesses in all **Judea** and **Samaria**. And you will be my witnesses from one end of the **earth** to the **other**." ⁹After **Jesus** **said** this, he was **taken** up to heaven. They watched until a cloud hid him from their sight.

F R B U M E A Y F T H E N
P E M B P I S R A E L N H
O C L A G Y K O T H E R V
W E O C O M E S H G I V E
E I R K I H D S E K U C J
R V D W N C D P R I T D U
M E T H G O A I A N A A D
S J O E Y N T R F G K P E
A E G N L C E I E D E O A
M S E Q U E S T I O N S R
A U T H O R I T Y M W T T
R S H O G N C S A I D L H
I T E L J E R U S A L E M
A W R Y C D S T I M E S E

life groups Study Guide (continued)

- Looking at the fruit of the Spirit, which one is most challenging for you to put into action? Is there a specific environment or relationship that makes it more challenging?
 - Is there one area you have grown in more than the others?
 - Is there one area that comes more easily than the others?
2. Since the Spirit is at work in our lives, we want to make sure we are staying in tune with how he wants to work. As you read these passages, how do they help you understand and remind you of how the Holy Spirit works in your life?

John 16:12-15 **1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13** **Acts 9:31**

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 **Romans 8:26-27**

- Is there one of these verses you need to be more aware of than others when it comes to understanding the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life?

Taking It Home

1. Sin or lack of paying attention to how the Spirit is leading can cause us to misread, not be aware of, or even blatantly reject the Spirit's guidance. Is there anything in the following verses you want to put extra focus on in order to ensure you're following the Spirit as he leads?

Acts 17:11 **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** **Psalms 139:23-24**
2. Is there anything specific you sense the Holy Spirit wanting you to grow in, guide you toward or people you hope to reach? If so, explain.

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women.** Feel free to share requests, just be sure each person gets prayed for. Pray that God's Spirit would be at work in their lives this week in tangible ways.

This week's Study Guide is adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



Wawasee Bible is part of the Evangelical Free Church of America. View our Statement of Faith online at wawaseebible.com/beliefs. Learn more about the EFCA at efca.org.

Wawasee Community Bible Church

2035 East 1300 North | Milford, Indiana 46542 | 574-658-9161 | wawaseebible.com

ACTS

EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, September 11, 2022



PART 1

Wait For It...

ACTS 1:1-11



We're Glad You're Here Today!

Please register your attendance on our **digital Connect Card** by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera, or by visiting **wawasee.today** in your web browser. Update your contact info, share prayer requests, or just let us know how we can serve you! You can also access today's bulletin using the same QR or link.