

The Bible - Week 35 (September 12th)

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Acts

Author: Luke, same author as the Gospel of Luke

Date: During or right after Paul's imprisonment 60-62 CE

Audience: Again, the Most Excellent Theophilus

Reason: It is a testimony to Paul's missionary work and journeys.

Theme: The gospel message is for all people in all places.

Key Verse:

Acts 1:8 CEB

Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Sections: To the Jews and Samaritan's (Ch 1-8), To everyone else, the ends of the earth (Ch 9-28)

Key Words: Holy Spirit, Baptized, Witness, Church, Believe

Basic Intro: This book tells us of the first 30 some years after Jesus life. It is a history but more importantly, it still servers us as a guide for evangelistic work today.

Questions for Discussion:

- **What is Grace UMC's thoughts about missions, In Your Own Words?**
- **Being Baptized is a big deal to the early church, what is**

powerful about it today?

- **What was the Pentecost moment and what can we learn from it?**
- **Do you think that Paul had fear in his travel's and if so how did he deal with them?**
- **In Ch 15 we have the Jerusalem Council. What were they debating? What did they come to consensus about? What does that mean for us today?**
- **Have you ever been Disciplined? Who are you currently discipling?**