

Acts
Another Sermon Series in the Books...
Conclusion

I. Acts - Major Themes

- By the Numbers:
 - 18,000+ words
 - 1,007 verses
 - 28 chapters
 - 40 sermons
 - 13 months
 - 1,800 minutes/30 hours
 - +/- 30 years
 - 13 apostles
 - 4 places (Acts 1:8)
 - 3 journeys (Acts 13-21; see 15:36)
 - 2 men/2 groups
 - 1 mission (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- Themes
 - God's Sovereign Plan (Luke 24:44)
 - Words and Works of Jesus Christ
 - Holy Spirit Empowerment and Guidance
 - Prayer as Foundational (Acts 1:14; approximately 30 times)
 - to adhere to, to be devoted or constant; to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing; to continue all the time in a place; to persevere and not to faint; to show one's self courageous for; to be in constant readiness for one, wait on constantly
 - Birth and Expansion of the Church (Acts 2:41-47)
 - Salvation by Grace thru Faith Proclaimed to All (Acts 2:21,39)
 - "All In" Following and Obeying Jesus (Luke 9:23-25; Acts 20:22-24)

II. What's the big deal? (What we do as preachers)

- Scriptural Preeminence (2 Timothy 3:16-4:5; Matthew 28:20)
- Value of Big Picture/Small Picture Views from Expository Preaching (see Themes)

III. Why bother? (What you do with what is preached)

- Why are you exposing yourself to this preaching?
- What does your life look like the rest of the week? (168-56-2=110 hours)
 - Abundant life (John 10:10)
 - exceeding some number or measure or rank or need; over and above, more than is necessary; exceeding abundantly, supremely; something further, more, much more than all; superior, extraordinary, surpassing, uncommon; pre-eminence, superiority, advantage, more eminent, more remarkable, more excellent

After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." (Acts 15:36)

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." (Luke 24:44)

These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer.... (Acts 1:14)

So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:41-47)

"And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved....For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." (Acts 2:21,39)

And He was saying to them all, " If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? (Luke 9:23-25)

And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:22-24)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Timothy 3:16-4:5)