

## **Week #1: Foundation of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 1:15. What is the significance of the word began in v. 1? What did Jesus command the apostles and why? How do you think they felt about this command?

Day #2: Luke 1:14. Acts was written by Luke. What do these verses tell us about Luke? What was his purpose in writing? How should we approach his writings?

Day #3: Luke 24:36-49. How does this passage correspond with Monday's passage describing the same events? What was the message the disciples were given? Where were they to take it? What about us?

Day #4: Luke 24:50-53. What were Jesus last acts? What was the disciple's reaction? Why? Should we do likewise?

Day #5: Acts 1:6-11. Find at least five mistakes in the question the apostles asked in v. 6. How does Jesus correct them? What was Jesus agenda, and how did it differ from the apostles? Has His agenda been fulfilled? Whose agenda are you pursuing?

## **Week #2: Equipping of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 2:1-13. What event occurs in this passage? Why is it important that this happened on Pentecost? What was the result? Who interpreted? What was the interpretation?

Day #2: I Cor. 14:15. What do we learn here about Spiritual gifts? Is this use of tongues the same as that in Acts 2? Do all believers speak in tongues? What is the gift of prophecy and what purposes does it fulfill? How can you help fulfill these purposes?

Day #3: I Cor. 12:4-11. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? Does every believer have all the gifts? At least one gift? Why are gifts given? What gift do you have now (it need not be on the list)? How should you use it?

Day #4: Gal. 5:22-26. What else does the Spirit do besides bestow gifts? In what way does this action of the Spirit equip us for service? Does every Christian have all the fruits of the Spirit? Why?

Day #5: I Sam. 10:9-13. This passage describes one of the few appearances of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. How does this view differ from that in the New Testament? Do we need to worry about the Spirits leaving us?

## **Week #3: Message of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 2:14-21. Against what charge was Peter defending the believers? What principles do we see from the beginning of Peter's speech about effective presentation of the Gospel?

Day #2: Acts 2:22-32. What arguments does Peter muster in this passage? To what end? Do you need to emphasize the same thing in your presentations of the Gospel?

Day #3: Acts 2:33-36. What is the ultimate point to which Peter's sermon leads? What is the final point Peter makes in proving the identity of Jesus? Why is it so important to establish His identity? What is the role of Scripture in witnessing?

Day #4: Acts 3:1-26. What elements are in common between this sermon and the one in Acts 2? What differences are there? What was the emphasis? How did the different circumstances affect the sermon?

Day #5: I Thess. 1:4-10. What is the role of imitation in discipleship? What are the basics of the Gospel? What effects does it have on the believer? On those around him/her? Has anyone ever been encouraged by your faith?

#### **Week #4: Life of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 2:37-42. What kinds of things does Peter emphasize in his appeal? What promise did he give them? What was the result? Do we demonstrate the same kind of boldness in our witnessing that Peter did? If not, why is it missing?

Day #2: Acts 2:43-47. What was the first Church like? What kinds of activities characterized it? What kinds of attitudes? What kind of reception did it get? How can our Church be more like this first Church?

Day #3: Acts 4:32-37. How does this description of the Church the same as that in Acts 2? How does it differ? Is it a requirement that every believer sell all his/her possessions? Do we make sure that there are no needy people among us?

Day #4: II Cor. 8:18. What kind of behavior does Paul commend here? Why does he write this to the Corinthians? Is poverty an excuse for lack of generosity? Why is it important for us to be generous with our giving?

Day #5: I Thess. 3:5-13. What glimpse does this passage give us into the life of the early Church? What kinds of concerns did Paul have? What kinds of relationship existed between the Churches and the Church planters?

#### **Week #5: Opposition to the Church**

Day #1: Acts 4:1-22. Why was there opposition to the apostles? How did the apostles respond? How were they able to respond this way? What can you learn about dealing with opposition?

Day #2: Acts 5:17-42. Why were the apostles in trouble? In what ways did God protect them? How did God not protect them? How can you increase your faith in Gods protection?

Day #3: I Peter 4:12-19. What does this passage say about affliction? What should the Christians attitude be? Why is it important for our attitude to be right?

Day #4: John 15:18-27. Why do Christians face opposition? Do you experience this kind of hate? If so, what comfort can you find? How does affliction lead to witnessing?

Day #5: II Tim. 3:10-13. In what ways was Paul a model for Timothy? Is persecution a result of what Christians believe, or what they do? What part of Paul's example can you find to imitate?

#### **Week #6: Prayers of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 4:23-31. What was the believer's response to the threats of the Sanhedrin in vv. 18-21? What aspect of prayer did they begin with? Why? How did their prayer as a Church strengthen them?

Day #2: Acts 12:1-16. How did the Church respond to Peter's persecution? What role did their prayer have in Peters escape? Were they truly praying in faith? How did God respond?

Day #3: James 5:13-18. Under what circumstances should we pray? Who should pray? How does prayer fit into the way the Church works together to heal individuals? Have you experienced this kind of sharing in your own life?

Day #4: Col. 4:24. What should be the characteristics of our prayer for each other and for the work of the Church? How was the Church supporting Paul in prayer?

Day #5: Eph. 3:14-21. What is Paul praying for the Ephesians? Why are these important for us, the members of Christ's Church? How was the Church supporting Paul in prayer?

### **Week #7: Poison in the Church**

Day #1: Acts 5:1-11. What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira? What was their underlying motive? Why was the sin dealt with so severely? What good effects resulted?

Day #2: Matt. 18:15-22. What step-by-step instructions did Jesus give for the practice of Church discipline? In what circumstances should it be used? What abuses can occur if these instructions are disregarded?

Day #3: I Cor. 5:1-13. In this case, who was to be disciplined? How was the discipline to be exercised? By what authority? For what purpose? Does this discipline contradict the instructions in Matt. 18?

Day #4: II Cor. 2:3-11. What was the result of the discipline exercised in yesterday's reading? What should our attitude be towards a penitent believer? Why?

Day #5: Gal. 2:11-16. Is there anybody who is immune to Church discipline? Why was Peter tempted to sin? What was Paul's purpose in confronting Peter?

### **Week #8: Leaders of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 6:18. How and why were the first deacons selected? How were they ordained? What were to be their duties in distinction from the apostles? Could a worthy unbeliever have been chosen? What was the result of their service?

Day #2: Acts 20:17-38. From both Paul's instruction and example, what are the responsibilities of elders within the Church? What difficulties do they face?

Day #3: Titus 1:5-9. What are to be the qualifications of an elder in (1) family life, (2) personal character, and (3) doctrine? What does it mean to be above reproach? What doesn't it mean?

Day #4: I Tim. 5:17-25. What is the responsibility of the Church towards elders? What kind of protection do the Scriptures accord to elders? Why is this protection important?

Day #5: I Peter 5:16. What are the responsibilities of the elders towards the Church? What kinds of pitfalls can elders fall into? How can the Church make it easier for elders to have a proper attitude?

### **Week #9: Spread of the Church (stage 1)**

Day #1: Acts 8:1-25.

### **Week #10: Spread of the Church (stage 2)**

Day #1: Acts 10:1-48.

**Week #11: Uniting of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 11:1-18.

**Week #12: Missions of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 13:13.

**Week #13: Decisions of the Church**

Day #1: Acts 15:1-35.