



Discussion Guide for “How to Read the Acts”

How the Bible Works Week 5

Acts is a history book. But it’s ancient history that has a clever twist: the main character isn’t Peter, Paul or any other human. Acts is the story of how the Holy Spirit empowers Jesus’ first followers to take his good news to the whole world. How can we read this story so that we take part in that transformation?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Acts 1:8](#)

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

[Acts 9:1-31](#)

[2 Timothy 3:15-17](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Acts 9:1-31](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What does it mean to say that Acts is a sequel to Luke?
2. Reread Acts 1:8. How does this frame the mission of the book of Acts?
3. Who is the main character of Acts? How does that shape your reading?
4. Revisit the story of Philip and the Ethiopian official in Acts 8. How does their engagement with the Holy Spirit fulfill Jesus’ mission assignment?
5. What does it look like for you to join in the Holy Spirit’s story this week?