



Week 1 Study Sheet

The Power Source

Consider

What is the most courageous thing you've ever done? What gave you the courage needed? As we study the Book of Acts, we'll discover how the early church lived with great courage. How did these previously weak and cowardly people suddenly become full of courage? Their transformation was the result of something, or should we say someone, who came to help them. That person is the Holy Spirit. As followers of Jesus, we too are filled with the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live with the same courage and power displayed by the Christians we read about in the Book of Acts.

Discover

Read [Acts 1:1-11](#)

- What do we receive when the Holy Spirit comes on us? (v. 8)
- What are we to do with the power we receive from the Holy Spirit?
- What does it mean to be a witness?

Read [Acts 2:1-13](#)

- What was courageous about this experience?
- Why do you think people spoke in other languages when they were filled with the Holy Spirit? (v. 4-6)
- How did some who observed these events respond? Have you faced ridicule because of your witness about Jesus? (v. 13)
- Have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? What was the result and how did you know it was the Holy Spirit?

Pray

Ask Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to empower you to speak boldly the good news - how he lived, died, and was raised to life. Seek to know and experience his power source through the person of the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you be a faithful and courageous witness.

Practice

Write about God's work in your life. One of the best ways to be a witness for Jesus is to share the story of how God has transformed your life. Once you've written the story, prayerfully ask God to reveal who needs to hear your story. Walk in the Holy Spirit power he's given you to be his courageous witness.

Engage

Reading the Bible each day leads us to encounter God and helps us learn to follow Jesus moment by moment. As you read the Book of Acts, look for the work of the Holy Spirit and the acts of courage from the disciples.

Read [Acts 1-7](#)



Week 2 Study Sheet

Trust and Adjust

Consider How would you characterize your prayers? Do you pray big prayers? The measure of faith expressed in our prayers reveals our view of God's power and goodness. When we pray big prayers, we proclaim that we serve a big God who is powerfully able to do the impossible. Big prayers reveal our deep trust in God. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, our prayers will lead us to live courageously in accordance with the will of our great God.

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- Did the Holy Spirit focus your attention on a specific verse or phrase?
- How did the disciples display courage?
- How did the Holy Spirit play a role in the story?

Read [Acts 4:23-31](#)

- What does the disciples' prayer teach us about who God is and how we should pray?
- How did the Holy Spirit speak? (v. 25-26) How does this description of God's Word affect your perspective of the Bible?
- How does knowing God is sovereign lead us to be more courageous?
- What was the result of their prayer? (v. 31) How does this experience parallel Jesus' instructions in Acts 1:8?

Read [Acts 10:9-18](#)

- What role does prayer play in this story?
- What fundamental Jewish law did God challenge and what truth did he reveal through Peter's vision? (v. 14-15)
- How can we use this passage to help us respond to the issues of inequality happening in our culture today?
- How was the spread of the gospel impacted as a result of Peter's vision and his willingness to go to Cornelius' house?

Pray Ask your Heavenly Father to help you trust his will. Acknowledge that his Word promises that he has a plan for you. Seek his help to walk in step with the Holy Spirit, moment by moment, as you seek to do his will here on earth as it is in heaven.

Practice Spend time in listening prayer. Follow Peter's example by finding a quiet place to be still and listen for God's voice. Write down what you hear from God. Respond with bold action to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

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Read [Acts 8-14](#)



Week 3 Study Sheet

All People

Consider

In the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus sought to broaden his disciples' definition of a "neighbor." Jesus expands their view even further in [Acts 1:8](#) when he calls his disciples to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and beyond. Where has God called you to be a witness? Consider the places where you live, work, learn, and play. How can you be a bold witness for Jesus in those places?

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Read [Acts 17:16-34](#)

- How did Paul respond to the distress he experienced regarding the culture he saw in Athens? (v. 16) How can you use the message of the gospel to bring hope and healing to current cultural issues that cause you distress?
- What can we learn and apply from Paul's technique of addressing the people of Athens? (v. 22-23)
- How does Paul explain who God is to the Athenians? (v. 24-31) What can we learn about effective engagement in spiritual conversations with unbelievers?
- Why do you believe the resurrection of the dead was a contentious issue to Paul's audience? What makes it a controversial subject today?

Pray

Ask God the Father to bring someone into your life who needs to hear the good news of Jesus. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with joy and boldness as you take courageous steps to share your faith with them.

Practice

Take a prayer walk this week. Walk the streets or hallways wherever you live, work, learn or play. Pray for those you know, and those you don't yet know. Ask God to direct your prayers and reveal specific people or situations to pray for. Move boldly, knowing his Holy Spirit is working.

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Read [Acts 15-21](#)



Week 4 Study Sheet

Courage for Calling

Consider We face hundreds of decisions each day. Some easier, some harder. Some bigger, some smaller. Where do we turn when we lack the wisdom to make a decision? What do we do when we know the right choice but lack the courage and strength to follow through? As followers of Jesus we rely on the Holy Spirit as our capable guide who supplies the courage and strength needed to faithfully follow Jesus moment by moment.

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Read [Acts 28:17-30](#)

- Recount some of the obstacles Paul had to overcome in pursuit of his calling?
- What specific things has God called you to, and what circumstances in your life have helped you fulfill God's calling?
- How has the Holy Spirit helped you remain faithful to God's calling on your life?
- How did Paul respond to those who would not believe? (v. 24-29) How do you stay encouraged when people doubt or resist your calling?
- In Paul's closing comments he quotes Isaiah 6. What message and lesson he is trying to share?

Pray Thank God for creating you to live courageously. Thank the Holy Spirit for guiding you moment by moment. Ask God to help you know and fulfill the calling he has for your life. Seek his encouragement and embrace the power of the Holy Spirit to be bold witnesses of his saving work.

Practice Seek the Holy Spirit for your calling. Paul's calling focused on a people, place, and message (first Jews then Gentiles, Rome, and the Resurrection of Christ). Begin in a position of surrender as you petition God to use you to share the good news of his son, Jesus Christ. Spend time praying and listening as he reveals the details - who, where, when, and what - of your calling. Yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit and allow him to empower you to courageously pursue your calling.

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Read [Acts 22-28](#)