

Acts Reading Plan for New Christians

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A 6-Week Bible Reading Plan for New Christians

**“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be My witnesses...”**

Acts 1:8

The book of Acts shows how the risen Lord Jesus continued His work by the Holy Spirit through His apostles and His church. It records the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria and toward the ends of the earth.

For new Christians, Acts helps answer important questions: How did the early church begin? What does faithful witness look like? Why does opposition come? How does God use ordinary believers, faithful preaching, prayer, and suffering to advance the gospel?

As you read, remember that Acts is inspired history. Some events are unique to the apostolic foundation of the church, while many truths teach us how to trust Christ, depend on the Spirit, love the church, proclaim the gospel, and endure faithfully.

How to Use This Plan

Read each passage slowly and prayerfully. Before you read, ask the Lord to help you understand His Word, behold Christ clearly, and respond in faith and obedience.

Use either the Core Observation Questions or the S.O.A.P. Method after each reading. At the end of each week, complete the Weekly Review Sheet with a pastor, mentor, parent, or mature believer if possible.

Option 1: Core Observation Questions

1. What does this passage teach me about the risen Lord Jesus?
2. What does this passage teach me about the Holy Spirit, the gospel, and the church?
3. How does God advance His Word in this passage?
4. What do I learn about prayer, witness, courage, suffering, or fellowship?
5. Is there a command to obey, a promise to trust, a warning to heed, or an example to follow?
6. What is one truth I need to believe today?
7. What is one step of obedience I should take?
8. How should I pray in response to this passage?

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Option 2: The S.O.A.P. Method

Step	Question
S - Scripture	Write down one verse or phrase that stood out.
O - Observation	What does the passage say? What is happening? What do you learn about Christ, the gospel, the Spirit, or the church?
A - Application	How does this truth apply to your life, witness, prayer, church involvement, or obedience today?
P - Prayer	Write a short prayer asking God to help you believe and obey His Word.

6-Week Reading Plan Through Acts

This plan follows the movement of Acts 1:8: witness in Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and then the gospel moving outward to the nations. The daily readings are intentionally brief enough for new Christians to read, reflect, and pray.

Day	Passage	Focus
1	Acts 1:1-26	The risen Christ commissions His witnesses
2	Acts 2:1-21	The Spirit comes at Pentecost
3	Acts 2:22-47	Peter preaches Christ and the church is formed
4	Acts 3:1-26	A healed man and a gospel sermon
5	Acts 4:1-37	Bold witness under pressure
6	Acts 5:1-42	Holiness, opposition, and obedience to God
7	Acts 6:1-7:60	Servant leadership and Stephen's faithful witness
8	Acts 8:1-25	The gospel spreads through persecution
9	Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch
10	Acts 9:1-31	The conversion of Saul
11	Acts 9:32-43	Peter ministers in the name of Christ
12	Acts 10:1-33	God prepares Peter and Cornelius
13	Acts 10:34-48	The gospel reaches Gentiles
14	Acts 11:1-30	The church recognizes God's grace
15	Acts 12:1-25	Prayer, deliverance, judgment, and the Word growing
16	Acts 13:1-12	The Spirit sends the first missionary team

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17	Acts 13:13-52	Paul preaches Christ from the Scriptures
18	Acts 14:1-28	Missionary courage and church strengthening
19	Acts 15:1-21	The Jerusalem Council and the gospel of grace
20	Acts 15:22-35	Unity, clarity, and encouragement
21	Acts 15:36-16:15	God directs His servants in mission
22	Acts 16:16-40	The Philippian jailer and salvation in Christ
23	Acts 17:1-15	Reasoning from Scripture about Jesus
24	Acts 17:16-34	Paul witnesses in Athens
25	Acts 18:1-23	Faithful ministry in Corinth
26	Acts 18:24-19:20	The Word prevails in Ephesus
27	Acts 19:21-41	The gospel confronts idolatry
28	Acts 20:1-16	Encouraging the disciples
29	Acts 20:17-38	Paul's charge to the Ephesian elders
30	Acts 21:1-16	Ready to suffer for the name of Jesus
31	Acts 21:17-36	Paul arrested in Jerusalem
32	Acts 21:37-22:29	Paul gives his testimony
33	Acts 22:30-23:35	The Lord encourages Paul
34	Acts 24:1-27	Paul bears witness before Felix
35	Acts 25:1-27	Paul appeals to Caesar
36	Acts 26:1-32	Paul proclaims Christ before Agrippa
37	Acts 27:1-26	Trusting God in the storm
38	Acts 27:27-44	God preserves Paul and the passengers
39	Acts 28:1-15	Providence, kindness, and arrival near Rome
40	Acts 28:16-31	The gospel proclaimed unhindered
41	Review Acts 1:8	Trace the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome
42	Review the Whole Book	What does Acts teach about Christ, the church, and witness?

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Weekly Themes for Reflection

Week	Passage	Theme	Key Question
Week 1	Acts 1-7	The Risen Christ Builds His Church in Jerusalem	Am I relying on the Lord, His Word, prayer, and the Spirit as I begin following Christ?
Week 2	Acts 8-11	The Gospel Crosses Barriers	Do I believe God can save unlikely people and use ordinary believers as witnesses?
Week 3	Acts 12-16	The Church Is Sent by Grace	Am I clear that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ, not religious performance?
Week 4	Acts 16-20	The Word Prevails Through Mission and Opposition	Where do I need courage to speak of Christ and trust Him with the results?
Week 5	Acts 20-25	Faithful Witness in Suffering	How can suffering become a platform for faithful testimony rather than fear?
Week 6	Acts 26-28	The Gospel Goes Forward Unhindered	How should the confidence of Acts strengthen my faith and witness today?

Simple Discipleship Prompts for Acts

Use these questions in a weekly conversation with a pastor, mentor, parent, or mature believer:

1. What did you learn about the risen Lord Jesus this week?
2. What did you learn about the Holy Spirit and the mission of the church?
3. Where did you see the gospel being explained clearly?
4. What encouraged you about the early believers?
5. What confused you or raised questions?
6. What challenged or convicted you?
7. What is one way you can be a faithful witness this week?
8. How can someone pray for you?

A Simple Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for continuing Your work through Your Word, Your Spirit, and Your church. Teach me to treasure the gospel, love the church, pray with dependence, speak with courage, endure opposition faithfully, and live as Your witness. Help me follow You with joy and confidence until Your work is complete. Amen.

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One-Page Weekly Review Sheet

Copy or reuse this page at the end of each week.

Week: _____	Date: _____	Passages Read: _____
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1. Christ What did this week teach you about the risen Lord Jesus? 	2. Gospel Advance Where did the gospel advance, and how did God work through His witnesses?
3. Church Life What did you learn about prayer, preaching, fellowship, courage, suffering, or service? 	4. Heart Response What truth encouraged, corrected, convicted, or strengthened you?
5. Questions What should you ask a pastor, mentor, or mature believer? 	6. Next Step What is one specific step of obedience for this coming week?

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7. Prayer Write a short prayer in response to God's Word.	Weekly Discipleship Prompt What did you learn about Jesus, and how will you follow Him this week?
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Pray together. Encourage one another. Take the next step of obedience.