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# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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THIS GUIDE IS TO BE USED PRIMARILY IN YOUR JOURNEY GROUP TO WALK THROUGH THIS SERIES IN ORDER TO APPLY GOD'S WORD IN THE CONTEXT OF BIBLICAL COMMUNITY. IT CAN ALSO BE USED IN A SMALLER SETTING, LIKE A ONE-ON-ONE DISCIPLESHIP RELATIONSHIP, OR AS A GUIDE FOR PERSONAL STUDY TO APPLY THE BIBLE TO EVERYDAY LIFE.

IN THIS GUIDE, YOU WILL FIND AN OVERVIEW PAGE WITH A BIG-PICTURE VIEW OF THE SCRIPTURE. FOLLOWING THAT IS A RESOURCES PAGE WITH HYPERLINKS THAT OUR TEAM FOUND HELPFUL TO THEM IN WRITING THE TEACHINGS. THE REST OF THE GUIDE COVERS QUESTIONS TO FACILITATE CONVERSATIONS AROUND GOD'S WORD.

OUR TEAM PRAYS THAT THE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD, AS WELL AS THIS GUIDE, WILL ENCOURAGE, CHALLENGE, AND STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AS YOU SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS WHEREVER HE LEADS.

***ATTENTION: IN THE DIVING DEEPER SECTION, THERE IS A BIBLE READING PLAN TO READ THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS. CONSIDER DOING THAT WITH YOUR JOURNEY GROUP THROUGH THIS SERIES.***

# THE SPIRIT IN ACTS: A STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOK OF ACTS

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## SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

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- ▶ The book of Acts was written by Luke. The same writer of the Gospel of Luke.
- ▶ Many Scholars consider The Gospel of Luke to be part 1 and Acts to be part 2 of Luke's 2-volume work. See Luke 1:1-4 and Acts 1:1-3 to see the connections.
- ▶ Luke-Acts is considered to be written sometime after A.D. 70 as one work.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit has always been active. Not just in the book of Acts. See Genesis 1:2 and Resources Page *Knowing the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament*.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is an active Person as the third member of the Trinity.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit has several other names in Scripture like Helper, Comforter, Seal, and more. See [\*\*this article\*\*](#) for more.

# RESOURCES

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## RELATED BOOKS

**[THE 7 ARROWS BIBLE STUDY METHOD](#)**, TGC COURSE // REASON: FOR ALL LEVELS OF BIBLE STUDENTS TO STUDY GOD'S WORD ON THEIR OWN OR IN A GROUP SETTING.

**[THE HOLY SPIRIT: AN INTRODUCTION](#)**, CROSSWAY BOOK // REASON: THIS IS A GREAT STARTING THEOLOGY BOOK ON THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**[ACTS: A 12-WEEK STUDY](#)**, CROSSWAY BOOK STUDY // REASON: IF YOU OR YOUR GROUP IS LOOKING FOR A BIBLE STUDY IN ACTS TO GO EVEN DEEPER THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE

**[EXALTING JESUS IN ACTS](#)**, COMMENTARY // REASON: THIS COMMENTARY IS FOCUSED AROUND LOOKING AT CHRIST IN EVERY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE. WITH REFLECTION QUESTIONS AT THE END.

**[THE MISSION OF THE TRIUNE GOD](#)**, THEOLOGY BOOK // REASON: THIS BOOK DISPLAYS THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE TRINITY AND HOW ANY TIME WE SEE THE SON, FATHER, OR SPIRIT WORKING IN THE BIBLE, THE OTHERS ARE ALSO WORKING. THIS BOOK'S FOCUS IS ON THE BOOK OF ACTS AND IS SUPER HELPFUL TO READ ALONGSIDE THIS SERMON SERIES.

**[KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT](#)**, BOOK // REASON: THIS BOOK IS NOT USED IN THIS SERIES WRITING BUT ITS FOCUS IS ON WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ACTIVITY IS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH AND MAY BE OF INTEREST FOR SOME IN THE BIBLICAL STUDIES.

# WEEK ONE: THE SPIRIT IS A PERSON. ACTS 1:1-8

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role in figuring out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. What's the worst job interview you've ever had?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

## RESPONSE

HERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE WAYS TO APPLY AND OBEY WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN GOD'S WORD THIS WEEK. IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY.



1. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE SAY?



3. WHAT DID THIS PASSAGE MEAN TO ITS ORIGINAL AUDIENCE?



4. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?



5. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT MAN?



6. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE DEMAND OF ME?



7. HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE CHANGE THE WAY I RELATE TO PEOPLE?



8. WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE PROMPT ME TO PRAY TO GOD?

**DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK:** CONSIDER READING THE FOLLOWING AS A FOR EACH GROUP MEETING:

- **MON:** LUKE 24 // **TUES:** ACTS 1 // **WED:** ACTS 2 // **THURS:** ACTS 3 // **FRI:** ACTS 4

# WEEK TWO: THE SPIRIT MAKES COMMUNITY ACTS 2

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role to figure out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. If you were a book, what would the title be?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

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**DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK:** CONSIDER READING THE FOLLOWING AS A FOR EACH GROUP MEETING:

- **MON:** ACTS 5 // **TUES:** ACTS 6 // **WED:** ACTS 7 // **THURS:** ACTS 8 // **FRI:** ACTS 9

# WEEK THREE: THE SPIRIT OF MISSION

ACTS 4:31, 8:29, & 10:19

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role to figure out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. What's your favorite way to decompress from a long day at work?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

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**DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK:** CONSIDER READING THE FOLLOWING AS A FOR EACH GROUP MEETING:

- **MON:** ACTS 10 // **TUES:** ACTS 11 // **WED:** ACTS 12 // **THURS:** ACTS 13 // **FRI:** ACTS 14

# WEEK FOUR:

THE SPIRIT FILLS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS  
ACTS 13

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role to figure out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. What is your birth order in your family?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

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**DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK:** CONSIDER READING THE FOLLOWING AS A FOR EACH GROUP MEETING:

- **MON:** ACTS 15 // **TUES:** ACTS 16 // **WED:** ACTS 17 // **THURS:** ACTS 18 // **FRI:** ACTS 19



# WEEK FIVE:

THE SPIRIT IN SCRIPTURE

ACTS 1:16, 2:17-18, 4:25-26, 11:27-30, 21:11 & 28:25

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role to figure out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. What language would you like to learn?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

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**DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK:** CONSIDER READING THE FOLLOWING AS A FOR EACH GROUP MEETING:

- **MON:** ACTS 20 // **TUES:** ACTS 21 // **WED:** ACTS 22 // **THURS:** ACTS 23 // **FRI:** ACTS 24

# WEEK SIX: THE SPIRIT WHO CONVICTS

ACTS 5:3-9, 7:51

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role to figure out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. What is the worst fashion choice you have ever made?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

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**DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK:** CONSIDER READING THE FOLLOWING AS A FOR EACH GROUP MEETING:

- **MON:** ACTS 25 // **TUES:** ACTS 26 // **WED:** ACTS 27 // **THURS:** ACTS 28

# WEEK SEVEN:

THE SPIRIT WHO DIRECTS  
ACTS 20:28-21-14

## APPLICATION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**ICEBREAKER:** *\*\*note: Consider making the icebreaker a group role to figure out who in your group is good at these to make it fun for the group each week.*

1. What is your favorite food to have at Thanksgiving?
2. Consider using a box of **story cards** to get to know each other better. Reach out to Groups Leadership if your group does not have a box of story cards.

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