

Acts 1:1-11

27 September - Ron Aulbach

LIFE

Building life giving relationships

CATCH UP: Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests. Make sure to spend a few minutes praying for each other. Maybe have each person/couple pray for the person/couple on the right, to encourage each person to pray out loud.

YOUR STORY: What are you excited about for the fall?

GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

ENGAGE THE MESSAGE:

1. **Read Acts 1:1-11.** What word or phrases stand out to you? What questions come to mind about the author, recipient (the person(s) the author was writing to), disciples, angels, Jesus or the Holy Spirit? If you were authoring a letter on the historical birth of the church, is this how you would begin?
2. Pastor Ron talked about how the book of Acts was written to a skeptical friend of Luke's named Theophilus. Do you have any friends who are skeptical of the church, how it got started or why it is still around? What would your friends find difficult to accept about Luke's account (Acts)?
3. Ron told the story of Dwight L. Moody & how someone commented that the Holy Spirit had a monopoly on his life. What would it look like for the Holy Spirit to have a monopoly on someone's life? Is your life being led by the Holy Spirit?
4. **Re-read Acts 1:8.** Ron shared that the Holy Spirit gives each of us power, a purpose, and a strategic plan. Take time for each person to share how they have seen God give them power when they least expected it. What do you believe is your purpose in life? And, how do you see your life fitting into the plan God has for the church to reach the world?
5. The two angels in vs 10 asked the disciples why they were looking up at the sky when Jesus ascended. They reminded them that Jesus will return in the same way they have seen him go into heaven. How does Jesus' ascension and his return make you think about your activities on earth? Are you busy looking at the sky or are you active in being a witness who shares the message of Jesus with others?

OTHERS

Loving God and loving others

READING CHALLENGE: Pastor Ron challenged us to read through Acts as a church. How can we encourage each other towards this challenge?

SPIRIT LED: In what ways can we listen to the Holy Spirit well this year? What is God inspiring you/us to do this year?

ACTS READING PLAN



THE ART OF BEING *Unordinary*

- 9/28 Acts 1:1-26
- 9/29 Acts 2:1-13
- 9/30 Acts 2:14-47
- 10/1 Acts 3:1-26
- 10/2 Acts 4:1-22
- 10/3 Acts 4:23-37
- 10/4 Acts 5:1-16

- 10/5 Acts 5:17-42
- 10/6 Acts 6:1-15
- 10/7 Acts 7:1-29
- 10/8 Acts 7:30-60
- 10/9 Acts 8:1-25
- 10/10 Acts 8:26-40
- 10/11 Acts 9:1-19

- 10/12 Acts 9:20-43
- 10/13 Acts 10:1-23
- 10/14 Acts 10:24-48
- 10/15 Acts 11:1-30
- 10/16 Acts 12:1-25
- 10/17 Acts 13:1-25
- 10/18 Acts 13:26-52

- 10/19 Acts 14:1-28
- 10/20 Acts 15:1-21
- 10/21 Acts 15:22-41
- 10/22 Acts 16:1-15
- 10/23 Acts 16:16-40
- 10/24 Acts 17:1-15
- 10/25 Acts 17:16-34

- 10/26 Acts 18:1-17
- 10/27 Acts 18:18-28
- 10/28 Acts 19:1-22
- 10/29 Acts 19:23-41
- 10/30 Acts 20:1-12
- 10/31 Acts 20:13-38
- 11/1 Acts 21:1-26

- 11/2 Acts 21:27-40
- 11/3 Acts 22:1-21
- 11/4 Acts 22:22-30
- 11/5 Acts 23:1-22
- 11/6 Acts 23:23-35
- 11/7 Acts 24:1-27
- 11/8 Acts 25:1-12

- 11/9 Acts 25:13-27
- 11/10 Acts 26:1-32
- 11/11 Acts 27:1-26
- 11/12 Acts 27:27-44
- 11/13 Acts 28:1-16
- 11/14 Acts 28:17-31