

BEFORE THE MEETING

To have a great discussion, every member of the group should read Acts 1–12. That may seem like a lot, but don't treat the reading like homework. Consider it an opportunity to spend a little time with your heavenly Father. Don't try to read the twelve chapters all at once (and definitely not a few hours before the group meeting begins). Read a little bit every day. If you do that, it won't seem like a lot to tackle.

Here's a good plan for reading the chapters:

Day 1: Acts 1:1–2:47 Day 2: Acts 3:1–4:37 Day 3: Acts 5:1–8:3
 Day 4: Acts 8:4–9:31 Day 5: Acts 9:32–11:18 Day 6: Acts 11:19–12:25

DURING THE MEETING

ICEBREAKERS

1. When is the last time you traveled somewhere outside of your comfort zone?
2. How did your reading of chapters 1–12 go?
3. Did anything stand out? Take some time to discuss.

Watch Session 1 Video Together (Acts 1–12)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in the video?
2. The first part of Acts highlights a new movement that spread rapidly in the midst of the members of that movement being persecuted. How would you compare the growth and circumstances of the early church with the condition of the modern-day church?
3. In the video, the narrator said that Acts “is a story about Jesus leading his people **by the Spirit** to go out into the world and invite all nations to live under his reign.” How do you know if you are being led “by the Spirit”? *Is there a way to know?*
4. Read Acts 2:42–47 aloud as a group. Is this a formula for how a modern-day church should operate? Why or why not?
5. Read Acts 7:51–60 aloud as a group. Why is it important that this story is in the Bible?

FOR NEXT TIME

At your next meeting, you'll discuss the second half of Acts. Read those chapters over the next week. Remember to use that time as a way to connect relationally with God. Here's a recommended reading schedule. If time permits, read Day 1 aloud in your group right now.

Day 1: Acts 13:1–15:35 Day 2: Acts 15:36–18:22 Day 3: Acts 18:23–21:16
 Day 4: Acts 21:17–23:35 Day 5: Acts 24:1–26:32 Day 6: Acts 27:1–28:31

