



Acts of the Apostles Short Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course chronicles the characters and events in the book of Acts to study the early development of the Christian church from its Jewish base to the inclusion of all peoples. The lives of the Apostle Peter and Apostle Paul set the background for studies of the General Epistles and Pauline Epistles.

Required Texts:

Gallagher, R. and P. Hertig, editors. Mission in Acts: Ancient Narratives in Contemporary Context. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004. ISBN 1-57075-493-4 (pbk.)

Talbert, Charles H. Reading Acts. New York, NY: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1997. ISBN 0-8245-1669-9 (pbk.)

Soards, Marion L. The Speeches in Acts. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994. ISBN 0-664-25221-4 (pbk.)

Recommended Text:

Commentary on the Book of Acts (your choice).

Kistemaker, Simon J. Acts: New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids, Mich. Baker Books, 1990. ISBN 0-8010-5290-4

Bruce, F.F. The Book of Acts: The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, Mich. Eerdmann's Publishing Company, 1988. ISBN: 0-8028-2418-8

Course Requirements:

1. Read the book of Acts and post a synopsis of chapter headings, grouped as you determine. (Due for second class)
2. Two Sermon analyses: Analyze two assigned sermons/speeches in Acts. You can see the selections on the first chart on page five of this syllabus.
3. Two chapter reviews in Mission in Acts that relate to Sermons in Acts
4. Review a third chapter in Mission in Acts and analyze the narrative in Acts that corresponds.
5. Pastoral/Ministerial Reflection: Write a paragraph or two summarizing each of the seven most important lessons you have taken from this study on Acts for application to your ministry.

Grading by Points (350 total)

Synopsis of Chapters in Acts –	50
Sermon Analysis One -	50
Text Review One -	50
Sermon Analysis Two -	50
Text Review Two -	50
Text Review Three -	50
Reflection on Lessons in Acts -	50