

Says Who? – Acts

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Bible Reference:

Acts 5:1-10

Was the book of Acts written to serve as a _____ or _____?

The book of Acts is a history chronicling the key “acts” of the early church. We watch as Christianity is born in Jerusalem and is seemingly available only to ethnic Jews. But then under the direction of the Holy Spirit, it spreads to farthest reaches of the known world and becomes available to anyone regardless of the ethnicity, gender, or class.

_____ isn't necessarily _____.

Principles for Reading Acts Well:

- Context

- History

- Draw principles for the church today from:
 - Themes that occur repeatedly in the narrative.
 - Themes reaffirmed in prescriptive biblical literature.

Reflection Questions:

1. Is the book of Acts a biblical book you enjoy?
2. What is one part of the story of the book of Acts that stands out most to you?
3. What are some parts of the book of Acts that you find confusing or difficult to understand?
4. Are there parts of the book of Acts that you would not be inclined to have serve as models for the church today?
5. Are there parts of the book of Acts that you have looked to as a model that might better serve as a history?
6. What are your thoughts about this idea from Sunday? “The book of Acts is a history chronicling the key “acts” of the early church. We watch as Christianity is born in Jerusalem and is seemingly available only to ethnic Jews. But then under the direction of the Holy Spirit, it spreads to farthest reaches of the known world and becomes available to anyone regardless of the ethnicity, gender, or class.”
7. How might it change the way you read and understood the book of Acts if you worked to take into account factors like context, history, and drew your principles for the church today from reoccurring themes and themes reaffirmed in prescriptive biblical literature?