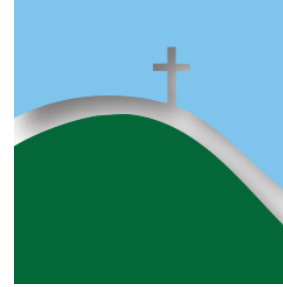


Grace Baptist Church

Scripture Reading Plan

April 12-18, 2020



Day 1 Acts 1:1-11

Discuss:

1) In Luke's former book (the Gospel of Luke) he said he wrote about "all that Jesus began to do and to teach." Now, the book of Acts is about the spread of the Gospel by the early church. What does it imply if the Gospel was about "all that Jesus **began** to do?" What is the role of the church?

2) In Acts 1:8 what is the mission of the church? How would you draw the expansion of Christianity with a series of circles?

3) How do we know that we can take on a mission this big (Acts 1:8a)

Day 2 Acts 1:12-26

Discuss:

1) In verse 14, what characterized the time the Apostles spent together in Jerusalem? Some incredible things are about to happen (a new apostle is named, pentecost) What example does this give us for Grace Baptist?

2) In light of Peter's denial of Christ, how might the others feel about him taking a role of leadership? (v.15)

3) What does Peter's leadership tell us about the type of person that Jesus uses? What does that mean for your life?

Day 3 Acts 2:1-13

Discuss:

- 1) What do the images of wind and fire suggest about the Holy Spirit?
- 2) There were crowds in Jerusalem celebrating a harvest festival. That is why there were crowds from all over (v.9-11.) What is the significance of God choosing this time to send the Holy Spirit to His followers?
- 3) How do you account for the fact that a band of frightened, cowering individuals could suddenly become bold, aggressive, courageous witnesses for Jesus?

Day 4 Acts 2:14-21

Discuss:

- 1) According to v. 17, what does the pouring out of God's Spirit tell us about what day's the disciples were in? How could it have been the "last days" then when that was nearly 2,000 years ago?
- 2) In v. 17-18, what type of person would receive the Holy Spirit? What does that teach us about who is loved and valued by God?
- 3) What does v.21 mean? How does this effect our prayers for the lost and our attempts to share the gospel?

Day 5 Acts 2:22-40

Discuss:

- 1) These people were familiar with the empty tomb and were hearing regular rumors of the empty tomb. Given that, why does Peter emphasize the resurrection (v. 24, 32, 32)

- 2) How would you use Peter's answer (v.38-40) to explain to someone what it means to become a Christian? What is required? What is promised?

- 3) Verse 41 says that 3,000 people were saved this day. What is the role of the preaching of the Word of God in this outpouring of faith? What does it mean when it says Peter "warned them" and "pleaded with them?"