

Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has 5 scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you 2 more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

Lamb of God

Reflection: Exodus 12:21-30; Isaiah 53:4-12; John 1:29-42;
1 Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5:6-14

Life Response:

Revelation 12:7-12; Revelation 21:22-22:5



A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit Introduction - January 9, 2022

The book of Acts was written by Luke

Date of authorship is approximately 62 AD

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, Acts 1:1

What Jesus began he continues

According to Luke/Acts history hinged upon 2 things

1) the life of Christ

2) the outpouring of The Holy Spirit

History is now turning its focus from a nation that is made up of physical descendants of Abraham now to spiritual descendants of Abraham.

He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3

Why is the physical resurrection of Jesus so important?
because it is the assurance that God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. Jn. 16:7

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Acts 1:4-5

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Lk. 24:49

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. Isa. 44:3

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. Joel 2:28-29

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Lk. 11:13

What changed for the disciples that made them so bold?

- 1) Time spent learning from Jesus.
- 2) The power of the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) **Ice Breaker:** What is one highlight for you from Christmas or New Year’s this year?
- 2) **Read Acts 1:1-5** - What is the significance of the word “began” in verse 1?
- 3) What were the “historical hinges” for Luke? Why are these so important?
- 4) Why was Jesus so disappointing to many?
- 5) What was Jesus restoring?
- 6) Why is the physical resurrection of Jesus so important?
- 7) What is the promise of The Father in Luke 24:49? Why does this promise give power?
- 8) Read the Old Testament references of this promise in Isaiah 44:3 & Joel 2:28-29. What stands out to you from these verses?
- 9) Why do we need the Holy Spirit? How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Thinking about the Holy Spirit as one who refreshes and empowers, share what you need most right now, refreshing or power, and why? Take some time to pray for the person to your right as you close.