

Listening Guide

Introduction

[1] What's the relationship between Luke's gospel and his book of Acts?

I. Luke's Message in Acts

[2] What two evidences did Luke present to show that what was going on in the early church was Jesus's work?

[3] What are the three points of Acts' outline?

II. Jesus's Strategy to Change the World

[4] How many chapters did Luke use to describe the first movement in his outline?

[5] Approximately how many years do those chapters cover?

[6] Why did the apostles add seven new leaders to the church?

[7] How many chapters did Luke use to describe the second movement in his outline?

[8] Approximately how many years do those chapters cover?

[9] In addition to the geographical spread of the church, what do chapters 8–12 tell us about the church?

[10] How many chapters did Luke use to describe the third movement in his outline?

[11] Approximately how many years do those chapters cover?

[12] In what chapter is Paul's conversion recorded?

[13] Approximately how many years are recorded in the book of Acts?

III. Seven Key Passages

[14] What is significant about Acts 1:8?

[15] What is Acts' big idea?

[16] What happened in Acts 2 on the Day of Pentecost?

[17] Why are those events significant?

[18] What important message did Luke communicate in Acts 6–8?

[19] What fact about Stephen and Philip are important to note?

[20] Why is that fact significant?

[21] What was the critical difference between “Saul” and “Paul”?

[22] Why is the event in Acts 10–11 so significant?

[23] What does Peter’s elaborate miracle teach us?

[24] What precipitated the Jerusalem Council?

[25] What essential truth did the council establish?

[26] How can we best use Acts 13–28 in our Bible reading?

IV. Two Kinds of Passages

[27] What do the “growth” passages tell us?

[28] Why do the growth passages matter?

[29] What is a “snapshot” passage?

[30] What do the “good news” snapshot passages tell us?

[31] What two things do the “hard news” passages teach us?

[32] What made Christianity so powerful?

Conclusion

[33] In a paragraph or two summarize your answers to the questions in the conclusion.

[34] Name two or three things we could do today to make Christianity more attractive.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

As you think back over this lesson, imagine yourself as an individual Christian living in this amazing time period. How do you think you would have responded? What fears would you have? What would have fascinated you the most? What would you have contributed to the events?