

Small Group Guide for 9/19/21
Outline/Questions
Acts 1:1-3

Outline

Introduction

Have you every thought: who thought of this?
- tool, car, electricity, etc..

Have you ever wondered how the Gospel made it to you?
- Why and how?
- Why did we get the privilege of hearing it?
- How did it make it to me?

Well, insert, book of Acts..
- Acts of the Apostles
- **Continued act of God...**

Author: Luke
- Church History
- Chapter 1 - Luke
- “We” statements of Chapters 16, 20, 21, 27, 28

Recipient: Theophilus

Date: 60-62 AD, during Paul’s imprisonment in Rome

Purpose:

- 1. Certainty**
- Luke 1:1-4
- 2. The coming of the Holy Spirit**
- 3. Show the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman world**
- 4. The building and structuring of the Church**
- 5. God’s continued work of redemption after the ascension of Christ**
- 6. The essential task of the Church**

Acts 1:1 - “all that Jesus began to do...”

- What did he “begin” to do ?
 - preach
 - call people
 - heal every disease
 - miracles
 - that was the beginning

The Finished and Unfinished work of Christ:

***Finished - Redemption (The Gospel)**

- Hebrews 9:11-12 - But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

***Unfinished - Building His Church (The Great Commission)**

Matthew 16:13-20

John 14:12-14

What we will see is that the apostles were about to start continuing the work Jesus started.

Questions

- 1. Have you ever been given a task that seemed impossible? What do you think was going on in the apostles' heart and mind?**
- 2. What stuck out to you in the sermon Sunday morning?**
- 3. Luke writes his purpose in writing his letter to Theophilus was "*that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.*" How can reading the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts give you certainty? How has reading God's Word strengthened your faith? Discuss the relationship between God's Word and certainty.**
- 4. What is the essential work of the Church? (spreading the Gospel in word and deed)**
- 5. What is the finished work of Christ? What is the unfinished work of Christ? How are you trusting in the finished work of Christ? How are you participating in the unfinished work of Christ? Who is God calling you to share with? Where has God placed you to be about continuing the unfinished work of Christ?**
- 6. What are you most excited about in studying the book of Acts?**