

**Week 3, Bible Readings
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Session 1 – The Fulfilment, Acts 1:1-8

What is God up to?

Luke 1:1-4.

Luke 24:44-47.

Acts 1:1-8.

God's purpose is to glorify Himself by saving people through hearing and believing the gospel of His Son, as it is carried by His Spirit, through Spirit empowered people to the ends of the earth.

Acts 6. The complaining widows.

Acts 12. Herod the political opportunist.

Acts 19. The religious fakes.

'It must happen'.

Session 2 - Firsts

The first sermon Acts 2:16-40.

The first church Acts 2:41-47.

The first miracle Acts 3:1-10.

The first opposition Acts 4:1-22.

The first prayer Acts 4:23-30.

1. The church.
2. Preaching.
3. Hostility.

Session 3 – God, the Evangelist

The disappointed outcast Acts 8:26-40.

The persecuting insider Acts 9:1-20.

See Acts 22:21.

See Acts 26:23.

An ordinary good man. Acts 10.

Beware of believing the twenty first century lie!

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Session 4 – There is only one Gospel, Acts 15

Background see Galatians.

The problem 15:1-5.

The debate 15:6-12.

The decision 15:13-21.

The result 15:30-35.

Two ironic events:

15:36-41

16:1-5

'It is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are'.

Acts 15:11.

Session 5 – The Nourishing Word, Acts 20:17-38

What Paul did at Ephesus. Acts 19:8-12.

What Paul said he did at Ephesus. Acts 20:17-35.

Paul's strategy.

Paul's manner.

The contrast with the leaders of the idol worshippers, Acts 19:23ff.

A happy ending? Revelation 2:1-7.