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**Unified.
Empowered.
Missional.**

GETTING STARTED:

We are so excited you are joining us to study the book of Acts! This fall will be different for all of us in ways we could have never expected. Work, school, and community all look different than they did a year ago. And yet, for us as a church, this fall might actually be closer to who we were in the very beginning. This year, North Way will turn forty. And although North Way, by God's grace, is now many campuses all across the Pittsburgh region, it began small and simply with nine young couples meeting in a basement. These couples gathered together for prayer and Bible study and to dream about what a church in today's culture could look like if built around the foundational principles of the early church. Any time these young couples were unsure how to move forward, they would return to the book of Acts to seek God's wisdom and design for the church.

Our prayer is that as we unite together through the book of Acts, this would be a time for us to remember our roots, to meet in homes, to meditate on God's word with our families and small groups, to pray and fast as one, and to once again dream and consider who we are called to be as one church united across the Pittsburgh region.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Readings and Discussion Questions

Each week there will be a section of reading assigned from the book of Acts. During the week leading up to your small group discussion, read through the assigned reading at least 3-4 times. Ideally, each read-through would be on a different day. This will help you see different facets of the passage and get you ready for a deeper discussion in your group.

Before you start, take a moment to ask God to speak to you. As we prayerfully approach the study of His word, God shows up! As you read, take time to make notes of anything you observe, sections that stick out to you, or questions that arise. It might be helpful to dedicate a specific notebook to your studies or use a Bible that has margins for notetaking.

The discussion questions for each week will never change. They are:

1. Describe what is happening in your own words.
2. What stood out to you as you read?
3. Did these verses raise any questions as you read?
4. What can we observe from this story about God the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?
5. What can we observe from this story about people?
6. What can we learn from this story about who we should be as believers and who we should be as a church?
7. Why is this passage in this particular book of the Bible? What might the Bible lose if this passage was left out?
8. What is something you sense the Spirit leading you to do in obedience to this text?

Think through these questions as you read. Our goal is to begin to observe everything that is happening in the text so we can come to a faithful interpretation – and then – to allow that interpretation to transform us to become more like Christ.

GOING DEEPER

You'll also notice a section each week titled "Going Deeper." This is an opportunity for you to go outside of your reading for the week and take your study a little further. Sometimes this will be another section of Scripture that correlates to that week's reading while other times it might be a short video or story for you to consider.

WEEKLY TEACHINGS

Each week we'll provide a 10-15 minute teaching from a North Way leader that will align with that week's reading for you to watch together with your small group. These teachings will provide context for your readings and help answer some of the questions that might come up. We really encourage you to complete your own work before watching. We understand how appealing it might be to want to go directly towards the weekly teaching, especially during the most difficult passages. However, we believe that doing this work independently first, with the help of the Holy Spirit, will help equip us with Bible study skills that will last a lifetime.

AN INVITATION

Some weeks you'll notice there is an invitation to an extra gathering happening either at your campus or online. These gatherings go along with your Acts study and work to supplement what you're learning in new and creative ways. While your entire group is invited to come to these together, you don't need your group in order to take part. We'd love to have you join us for as many of these as you can!

OUR SCHEDULE:

- 1. Week of Sept. 28: Acts 1-2:13**
Sept. 28 – Oct. 9 An Invitation: Upper Zoom
- 2. Week of Oct. 5: Acts 2:14 – 5:42**
- 3. Week of Oct. 12: Acts 6-8:3**
- 4. Week of Oct. 19: Acts 8:4-8:40**
Oct. 19 An Invitation: Spiritual Gifts Workshop
- 5. Week of Oct. 26: Acts 9 – 11:18**
November 1st An Invitation: Baptisms
- 6. Week of Nov. 2: Acts 11:19-12:25**
- 7. Week of Nov. 9: Acts 13 – 15:35**
Nov. 13-14: An Invitation: Imagine Conference
- 8. Week of Nov. 16: Acts 15:36 – 18:23**
Week of Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving week off!
November 24: All Worship Night
- 9. Week of Nov. 30 – Acts 18:24 – 23:35**
- 10. Week of Dec. 7 – Acts 24 – 27:44**
- 11. Week of Dec. 14 – Acts 28**

**The Invitation dates listed above are for gatherings designed for all campuses to participate together in. For any campus-specific events, check out:*

[NORTHWAY.ORG/ACTS](https://northway.org/acts)

Okay - That should cover it! We're so excited to be digging into God's word together with you this fall! We are praying for you even now, that you would find comfort, hope, truth, courage, strength and beauty in this season.