

**Momentum- A Study in Acts**  
**Boldness – Study Guide**  
**Acts 3-5**

**Big Idea: Boldness comes from Trusting God Alone.**

1. Share some of the fears you are currently wrestling with. Imagine some of your greatest fears coming to be and verbalize them to the group as ‘worst case scenarios’.

*Don't be shy. We all have fears.*

2. Read Acts 3:1-10. Notice the way Peter and John direct the lame man to “look at us.” The beggar was expecting money. He wasn’t expecting a spiritual encounter. Where do we tend to ‘fix our attention’ to be sustained? What are the things we tend to trust outside of Christ? How does that affect our level of boldness? Discuss.

3. Read Acts 3:12-15 & 19. Notice that the lame man being healed led to more boldness for Peter in sharing his faith. Share an example of when God did something great in your life, and it gave you more boldness to testify of His goodness.

4. Assign one of the following passages to group members. Read and discuss how each of these elements can build up our boldness:

- a. The name of Jesus (Acts 4:8)
- b. The name of Jesus alone (Acts 4:12)
- c. The nearness of Jesus (Acts 4:13)
- d. The purpose of Jesus alone (Acts 4:19-20)
- e. Prayer (Acts 24-25 & 29)
- f. Integrity (Acts 5:4)

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In silent confession, list any things that you could potentially be trusting in outside of God alone. Share your fears with God. Ask God to give you the ability to trust Him exclusively. Ask God to give you boldness.

# Momentum

A STUDY IN ACTS

## THE BOOK OF ACTS

### 10-Week Reading Plan

Use this reading plan to prepare you for the weekly sermons at our weekend services. Ask God to speak to you through His word and the Holy Spirit.

#### WEEK 1 - INCEPTION

**Sep. 25 & 26** Acts 1-2:41 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 2 - DEVOTED

**Sep. 27** Acts 1:1-11

**Sep. 28** Acts 1:12-26

**Sep. 29** Acts 2:1-13

**Sep. 30** Acts 2:14-28

**Oct. 1** Acts 2:29-41

**Oct. 2** Acts 2:42-47

**Oct. 2 & 3** Acts 2:42-47 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 3 - BOLD

**Oct. 4** Acts 3:1-10

**Oct. 5** Acts 3:11-26

**Oct. 6** Acts 4:1-22

**Oct. 7** Acts 4:23-37

**Oct. 8** Acts 5:1-16

**Oct. 9** Acts 5:17-42

**Oct. 9 & 10** Acts 3-5 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 4 - FULL

**Oct. 11** Acts 6:1-7

**Oct. 12** Acts 6:8-15

**Oct. 13** Acts 7:1-19

**Oct. 14** Acts 7:20-38

**Oct. 15** Acts 7:39-53

**Oct. 16** Acts 7:54-8:3

**Oct. 16 & 17** Acts 6-8:3 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 5 - FLOURISH

**Oct. 18** Acts 8:4-25

**Oct. 19** Acts 8:26-40

**Oct. 20** Acts 9

**Oct. 21** Acts 10

**Oct. 22** Acts 11

**Oct. 23** Acts 12

**Oct. 23 & 24** Acts 8:4-12 (*Sermon*)

#### WEEK 6 - MOBILE

**Oct. 25** Acts 13:1-12

**Oct. 26** Acts 13:13-42

**Oct. 27** Acts 13:43-52

**Oct. 28** Acts 14:1-7

**Oct. 29** Acts 14:8-20

**Oct. 30** Acts 14:21-28

**Oct. 30 & 31** Acts 13-14 (*Sermon*)

## WEEK 7 - FRAMILY

<b>Nov. 1</b>	Acts 15:1-6
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Acts 15:7-11
<b>Nov. 3</b>	Acts 15:12-21
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Acts 15:22-35
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Acts 15:36-40
<b>Nov. 6</b>	Acts 16:1-5
<b>Nov. 6 &amp; 7</b>	Acts 15-16:5 (Sermon)

## WEEK 8 - SHAKE

<b>Nov. 8</b>	Acts 16:6-15
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Acts 16:16-40
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Acts 17
<b>Nov. 11</b>	Acts 18
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Acts 19
<b>Nov. 13</b>	Acts 20:1-16
<b>Nov. 13 &amp; 14</b>	Acts 16:6-20:16 (Sermon)

## WEEK 9 - WITNESS

<b>Nov. 15</b>	Acts 20:17-21:36
<b>Nov. 16</b>	Acts 21:37-22:29
<b>Nov. 17</b>	Acts 22:30-23:35
<b>Nov. 18</b>	Acts 24
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Acts 25:1-22
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Acts 25:23-26:32
<b>Nov. 20 &amp; 21</b>	Acts 20:17-26:32 (Sermon)

## WEEK 10 - GO

<b>Nov. 22</b>	Acts 27:1-12
<b>Nov. 23</b>	Acts 27:13-26
<b>Nov. 24</b>	Acts 27:27-44
<b>Nov. 25</b>	Acts 28:1-10
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Acts 28:11-16
<b>Nov. 27</b>	Acts 28:17-31
<b>Nov. 27 &amp; 28</b>	Acts 27-28 (Sermon)

As you read throughout this series please feel free to send your thoughts to [acts@communityfellowship.com](mailto:acts@communityfellowship.com) by Wednesday of each week. We are excited to hear from you about what God is teaching and revealing to you through the readings. It's possible that what God is saying to you may be something He wants to share with our church family. Your submission may be something we share with the Church on the weekend.



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**Laying the foundation!**

Genesis  
Age of Law  
Age of Prophets  
Messiah  
Birth of Church  
Tribulation

**Goal-** Identify more closely with the momentum of the early church.

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**A. Boldness Based on Where You Look (3:1-10)**

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<sup>4</sup> And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” <sup>5</sup>And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

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<sup>6</sup>But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”

**B. Boldness to Share Your Faith (3:11-26)**

<sup>12</sup>Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over...

... <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead...

“I know you acted in ignorance...prophets...<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore and turn back...

**C. The Elements of Boldness (4:1-5:11)**

1. The Name of Jesus

Acts 4:8- “By what power did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...’It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.”

**C. The Elements of Boldness (4:1-5:11)**

1. The Name of Jesus

**2. The Name of Jesus Alone**

Acts 4:12- “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

**C. The Elements of Boldness (4:1-5:11)**

1. The Name of Jesus
2. The Name of Jesus Alone

**3. The Nearness of Jesus**

Acts 4:13- "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus."

**C. The Elements of Boldness (4:1-5:11)**

1. The Name of Jesus
2. The Name of Jesus Alone
3. The Nearness of Jesus

**4. The Purpose of Jesus Alone**

Acts 4:19-20- "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

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1. The Name of Jesus
2. The Name of Jesus Alone
3. The Nearness of Jesus
4. The Purpose of Jesus Alone

**5. Prayer**

Acts 4:24-25 & 29- "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them...Why did the Gentiles rage, and the people plot in vain...And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness."

**C. The Elements of Boldness (4:1-5:11)**

1. The Name of Jesus
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3. The Nearness of Jesus
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5. Prayer

**6. Integrity (5:1-11)**

Acts 5:4- "...Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God."

**D. The Effects of Boldness (5:12-42)**

<sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the Temple and speak to the people all the words of Life..."

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<sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

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<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

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<sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice,...

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**Daniel 3:16-18**

"O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

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