



**Reading Luke
Together:**

Tension



Bible Study of the Book of Acts

Acts is a comprehensive history of the church from its founding through the first few decades.

Wednesdays
March 2-May 25
7:00-8:00pm

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There will be opportunity for questions and comments along with Dr. Scott's lectures. An online link will be on our website.



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Education

B.A. in Bible from
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M.Div. from Yale
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Ph.D. in History
from Claremont
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University

Public Service

President of
Pasadena City
College (1987-95)

CA State
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CA State Senator
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Community Challenge:

Read 2 chapters a day of Luke-Acts.

Pray for the upcoming class on Acts.

Review

As a narrative, the gospel can utilize good storytelling techniques that invite the reader to participate—

**Movement – Journey of becoming/
discovery**

Tension – Obstacles we face/are

**Characters – Recognize ourselves
or aspire to imitate**

Review

Consistent themes hold the story together as a coherent whole and direct the reader to the author's/editor's intentions—

Holy Spirit – Drives the story

Prayer – Context of anticipation

Proclamation – Promises and fulfillment

People on the fringe – Poor, women, sick, sinners, Gentiles

Parables

Stories of self-examination and a testing of discipleship

Conventional setting

Twist or exaggeration

Function – What does it do?

Questions to ask about parables

What is recognizable to me, and how does it fit my expectations?

What are the surprising twists?

How does this make me wrestle...

With God?

With myself?

With kingdom expectations?

As a disciple, you will have to ask...

Is this the kind of kingdom I want to be a part of?

Is this the kind of Messiah King I am willing to follow?

Am I willing to serve God according to the way He shows Himself?

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Sanhedrin (The Council) – Priests, Pharisees, and elders

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The disciples' greatest danger is becoming like them.

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**Usefulness of Jerusalem and the
temple**