

Dennis Hamm

THE ACTS OF THE
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The Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of Luke's two-volume work, describes how the salvation accomplished by Jesus has now – under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of the Apostles – been extended from Judea and Samaria to the ends of the earth. Luke's interest in the Church as the bearer of the word of salvation centers chiefly on the acts and ministry of Saints Peter and Paul to the Jews and to the Gentiles, respectively.

This dynamic duo follows Jesus' example: they travel, work miracles, preach the Good News, and are persecuted and imprisoned. Led by Peter, the Gospel is proclaimed first to the Jews. With Paul's conversion and ministry, the Gospel is then proclaimed to the Gentiles, and churches are established throughout the Mediterranean. Community life in the nascent Church is idyllic only for a while as problems and conflicts arise.

As heroic as the Apostles are (at times) in Acts, they did not fully understand in advance what God intended for their ministry. They knew what they knew about Jesus, but they also had to wait for God's plan to unfold and for the Holy Spirit to intervene at critical turning points.

Join us for a Fall Bible Study

Who: All are welcome

What: A Bible study (using a Liguori Catholic Bible Study guide)

When: Wednesday evenings, October 24 through December 19

Where: St. Victoria Parish Family, Fireside Room

Time: 7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Cost: Suggested donation \$10 (to cover the cost of the guide)

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