

Church on the Rock

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The Big Acts Question:

What would it look like to lift up our eyes, see people on God's heart, and move in step with the Holy Spirit out of our comfort zones and fully into the appointments and assignments God has for us, that the life and love of Jesus in us might be multiplied through us?

· There are reasons to doubt the Christian faith

- o It is often spoken against
- o It can seem to do more harm than good
- o There is confusion about Jesus

Your doubt can be a road to faith – not a roadblock!

· There is historical evidence for the Christian faith

- o We hear from those who saw!
- o We hear an accurate record
- o We hear an unbiased record

The reason we believe is because we have reasons to believe!

· The Christian faith is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

- o Each person is invited to personally receive Jesus
- o Following Christ is a lifetime journey
- o Faith in Jesus is meant to be shared with others

Who is your Theophilus?

JOURNAL ASSIGNMENTS

1. Write out Acts 1:1-3 in your own handwriting.
2. Write down some of your doubts (be honest with God!) and also some reasons you have to believe in Jesus (know the evidence!).
3. Who is your "Theophilus"? Write down the name of one person (or perhaps two or three) you can pray for daily to believe in Jesus. And pray!

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What is something you are looking forward to in our series on Acts?
3. How would you describe Acts? What are some things you know about the book?
4. Read Matthew 28:16-17. Why do you think some of the disciples had doubts even after the resurrection? What are some doubts you have had in the past or still currently wrestle with?
5. Read John 20:24-29. How were Thomas' doubts a road to faith? How might God use someone's doubts today to bring them to a stronger faith in Christ?
6. Read Acts 1:3 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. What difference did it make that Jesus not only rose but appeared many times to many people?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-14. According to this passage, what is the significance of the resurrection of Christ?
8. Read Luke 1:1-4 and 1 John 1:1-3. How do these verses encourage you about the certainty of your faith?
9. Share about a time when God by his grace used you to help someone else trust in Christ.
10. Who is your "Theophilus" today? Who is someone God has put in your life and given you a burden for that you can share about Jesus with? Begin praying for these people together.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read one chapter of Acts every day for the next four weeks
(this will take you up to Palm Sunday).

Pick up an Acts Scripture Journal and a Travel Journal for this series.

Pray with us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 during our 40 Days of Prayer.

Watch this introduction to Acts – <https://bit.ly/introtoacts>

Watch "Why do we believe in the resurrection"

- <https://bit.ly/resurrectionbelief>

Read "Evidence for the Resurrection" - <https://bit.ly/evidenceresurrection>

Listen to "I've Witnessed It" – <https://bit.ly/ivewitnessedit>

Listen to "For the Cause" – <https://bit.ly/forthecauseong>