

Unhindered

STUDY QUESTIONS ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Dear Student of God's Word,

Welcome to this 11-week journey through the book of Acts. *Unhindered* is designed to help you observe each chapter more closely and retain what Scripture says. The material also is intended to inspire life application and spiritual growth.

Appropriate for personal or group use, each question set requires about 30 minutes to complete. You'll be surprised at how much you learn by reading God's Word and answering each question thoughtfully.

Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of leading you through Acts with these thought-provoking questions. As a Bible study author, LifeWay magazine writer, women's ministry leader, YouTube speaker, and Christian blogger, I'm passionate about teaching God's Word and helping women grow spiritually.

Guidelines on how to use *Unhindered* on your own or as a group are included below. I pray this material enriches your relationship with the Lord, nourishing you with the precious truth of His Word.

In Christ's Love,
Emily

HOW TO USE *UNHINDERED* ON YOUR OWN:

- Read each of the designated Acts chapters two or three times per week, asking God to speak to you through His Holy Word.
- Answer the questions on your final day of weekly reading/study.

HOW TO USE *UNHINDERED* AS A GROUP:

- Follow the two steps listed above for using the material on your own.
- Meet for discussion with your group once per week (Each page can be covered in 45 minutes to an hour).
- Begin your time together with prayer.
- Read the Bible portion associated with each question.
- Open the conversation by reading the question out loud.
- Encourage women to share their answers, and allow the discussion to go where the Holy Spirit leads. One question might generate another, a certain topic might develop into a related topic, or so on.
- Enjoy the conversation! God will use you and the ladies in your group to reveal more about each chapter in Acts.

Week One

Acts 1-2

1. What did Jesus command the disciples to do, and why? (See Acts 1:1-8)

2. How did Jesus leave the earth, where did He go, and what did the angels say would happen in the future? What does this mean to you? (See Acts 1:9-11)

3. Describe what happened on the Day of Pentecost. (See Acts 2:1-13)

4. What details of the early church interest you the most? Why? (See Acts 2:41-47)

Week Two

Acts 3-4

1. What stands out to you the most about the healing of the lame man? Why? (See Acts 3:1-10)

2. Who was Peter preaching to, and what did he tell them to do? (See Acts 3:12 & 19)

3. How did the religious leaders respond to Peter's preaching? (See Acts 4:1-3; 15-18)

4. How did Peter and John respond to the religious leaders, and what do you think about their words and actions? (See Acts 4:19-31)

Week Three

Acts 5-6

1. What did Ananias and Sapphira do, and why do you think it was so bad? (See Acts 5:1-11)

2. Share two ways you would like to be more like Peter and the apostles. (See Acts 5:17-21, 27-32, & 41-42)

3. Who was Stephen, and what was he like? (See Acts 6:1-8)

4. Why do you think some men argued with Stephen and conspired against him? (See Acts 6:9-15)

Week Four

Acts 7-8

1. What part of Stephen’s account about Moses was new information to you? (See Acts 7:17-29)
2. How did the Israelites behave after God used Moses to deliver them from Egypt? What similarities do you see in God’s people today? (See Acts 7:35-43)
3. What happened to Stephen, and who was leading the persecution of Christians? (See Acts 7:54-8:3)
4. What stands out to you from the rest of chapter eight? Why? (See Acts 8:4-40)

Week Five

Acts 9-10

1. What stands out to you about Saul's conversion, and what did he begin to proclaim right away? (See Acts 9:1-20)

2. What happened in Joppa, and how did people respond? (See Acts 9:36-42)

3. Who was Cornelius, and what did the angel of God tell him to do? (See Acts 10:1-6)

4. What happened as a result of Cornelius's obedience to the angel's instruction? How does this encourage you? (See Acts 10:34-48)

Week Six

Acts 11-13

1. Describe the conflict and resolution between Peter and the Jews in Jerusalem. What can we learn from this? (See Acts 11:1-18)

2. How did Barnabas respond to the salvation of the Greeks, and what did he do to help the church in Antioch? How do you want to be like Barnabas? (See Acts 11:19-26)

3. How did the Christians help Peter when he was imprisoned, and what happened as a result? What difference should this account in Acts 12:1-17 make in our lives today?

4. List three things that stand out to you from Paul's first missionary journey. (See Acts 13:1-2 and 42-52)

Week Seven

Acts 14-16

1. How did people respond to Paul and Barnabas's message in Iconium? Why do you think sharing the Good News of Jesus is often met with opposition? (See Acts 14:1-7)

2. What did the men from Judea begin teaching, and can you think of any similar false teachings today? In verse 11, how did Peter summarize the way of salvation? (See Acts 15:1-11)

3. Who was Lydia, and how does she inspire you? (See Acts 16:14-15)

4. Why were Paul and Silas imprisoned, and what was their stay like? What did the jailer do in order to be saved, and how did he change?(See Acts 16:16-34)

Week Eight

Acts 17-19

1. What stands out to you about the Christians in Berea, and what do you like about Paul's message to the men of Athens? (See Acts 17:10-34)

2. Who were Priscilla and Aquila, and how does their interaction with Apollos inspire you? (See Acts 18:1-3 & 24-26)

3. How did Paul respond to the Corinthian Jews' resistance, and in what way is this interesting to you? Also, how do God's words to Paul encourage you? (See Acts 18:5-11)

4. What portion of Acts 19 speaks to you the most, and why?

Week Nine

Acts 20-22

1. List some character traits Paul displayed as he endeavored to fulfill his God-given ministry. How does his example inspire you? (See Acts 20:17-27)

2. What lesson do you learn from Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders? (See Acts 20:28-38)

3. Do you think Paul should have gone to Jerusalem despite the warnings he received? Why or why not? (See Acts 21:1-14)

4. What part of Paul's testimony before the Jews is most remarkable to you? (See Acts 22:1-22)

Week Ten

Acts 23-25

1. What did Paul do after he rebuked the high priest, and what does this reveal about his character? (See Acts 23:1-5)

2. What does Acts 23:11 teach you about God's character, and how does this truth comfort you?

3. How did Felix respond to Paul's message? If possible, describe a situation in which someone responded to your words about Jesus in a similar way. (See Acts 24:10-27)

4. Why do you think the chief priests and Jewish leaders were so intent on killing Paul? How did God use their accusations and plots to accomplish His will? (See Acts 25:1-27)

Week Eleven

Acts 26-28

1. Describe Paul's activities before he met Jesus. How were they similar and how were they different from his activities after he was saved? (See Acts 26:9-20)

2. How do you think Paul remained so calm through the storm, and what do you learn from his words and actions while he was on board the ship? (See Acts 27:14-36)

3. What kind of reception did the sailors receive from the natives on Malta, and why do you think the Lord caused Paul and the others to stay on the island for three months? (See Acts 28:1-11)

4. Whom did Paul pursue upon his arrival in Rome, and how did his interactions with them go? Whom did he welcome and what message did he share after that? (See Acts 28:16-31)