



Sunday School Study Plan for January 2023

with Mr. Mackie Hill and Deacon Altheda Winford
Four Weeks (January 8, 15, 22, and 29)

Topic: Studies in the Leadership of Peter: Acts 1 through Acts 11

Week 1: Remembering Peter from the Gospels

(From the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

Guiding Questions:

1. What do you remember about Peter from studying the Gospels?
2. What was the relationship between Jesus and Peter?
3. Do you think that Peter really loved Jesus? Explain.
4. Was Peter a good leader? In the beginning of his ministry? Later in his ministry?
5. What did Jesus ask Peter before He ascended to Heaven? (John 21:15-23)

Week 2: Acts 1 and Acts 3

Guiding Questions:

1. Who was the author of Acts?
2. (Acts 1: 14-26) How does Peter step into his leadership role?
3. (Acts 1: 15-26) How is Matthias selected in comparison to Peter?
4. (Acts 3: 1-11) What is significant about what Peter and John give to the lame man? In what ways was the blessing this man received greater than the alms he had originally asked for?
5. (Acts 3: 12-26) By what power did Peter say the man had been healed? In response to the people's astonishment and interest, what did Peter invite the people to do?

Week 3: Acts 4: 1-31

Guiding Questions:

1. Why were Peter and John put into custody?
2. (Acts 4: 1-4) How did the priests, captain of the temple guards, and the Sadducees respond to Peter and John when the two were preaching the gospel?
3. (Acts 4: 5-11) What are key points for Peter's preaching to the High Council in Jerusalem?
4. (Acts 4: 12-31) What is significant about the response of the people, Peter, and John regarding the Council's command for Peter and John to no longer preach?

Week 4: Acts 4: 32-37; Acts 5; Acts 10: 1-23; Acts 11: 24-38

Guiding Questions

1. What did the Early Church believe in?
2. (Acts 4: 32-37) For the Early Church, how would you describe their sharing and sense of unity?
3. (Acts 5) In what ways was God with Peter and the other Apostles as they obeyed Him rather than the council?
4. According to Acts 5: 41-42, how did the Apostles remain faithful to the Lord in the face of this threat? How was the Lord with them at this time?
5. (Acts 10) Who told Cornelius to send for Peter?
6. (Acts 10) What did the Large Sheet mean to Peter?
7. (Acts 11) What happens with Peter's teaching at Antioch?

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
 - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
 - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
 - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

2 Timothy 2:15, KJV: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." **2 Timothy 2:15**, NASB: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."