

VISION FOR THE WORD OF GOD
ACTS

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Who was Luke?

Gentile who was well educated and believed by many to be a physician

Author of two major New Testament books (Luke 1: 1-4; Acts 1: 1-2)

Companion and understudy of Paul in the same way that Mark was the mentee of Peter
(Acts 16: 10-16; 20: 1-16; 27: 27-28: 16; II Timothy 4: 9-11)

Book of ACTS of the Apostles

Ministry of Peter in the Holy Land (chapters 1-12)

Ministry of Paul: Expansion from Antioch to Rome (chapters 13-28)

Major Themes

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Church

No perfect church

Ananias and Sapphira

Disagreement among saints and priorities of Leadership

Hebrew and Greek widows; answer of Leadership

When good people disagree

(Paul and Barnabas)

The Insider/Outsider Syndrome

Concerns about the accepting Paul

Gentile believers

Points to Ponder

Church is not a democracy

Are we really ready for growth?

How welcoming is our community of faith---different ages, different races, different regions, different ideas, different methodologies?

New persons bring different concerns than seasoned saints

Great Opportunities and Powerful Opposition

Insider opposition

Outsider opposition