



Preparing for a new season

The Book of Acts

5:1-16, 5:17-32, 5:33-42
6:1-15 and 7:1-29

Week 3 – 29nd April 2018

This Week

This week's questions:

- God struck Ananias dead for his sin. Doesn't this seem rather harsh?
- Have you ever tested God?
- The early Church expected miracles – should we?
- Even when they were beaten, they did not stop preaching that Jesus was the Son of God – have you ever not?
- Do you always see it as a privilege to server the Lord? When do you find it a burden?

Our readings this week are:

- 5:1-16
- 5:17-32
- 5:33-42
- 6:1-15
- 7:1-29

What to think about

Over the weeks that we are following the plan think about the following broad themes:

- Why are you a Christian?
- How is this different from the first Christians?
- How is your faith different to early Christians?
- Life in the early church was not easy – what have you done recently, as a Christian, that was uncomfortable in the modern world?
- Peter and Paul were persecuted, how are you persecuted?
- What did the early Church do better than we currently do?
- What example did they set we should be following?
- What was the most important thing that they did?
- What could you do to be more like the early Church?
- How can you help our Church to be more Christ like?

It may be useful to journal what you are thinking as you go through the plan and to look back during the weeks to see if your thoughts have changed

Our Prayer

You may wish to use this prayer before you start reading the passages

Lord Jesus,

We ask that through your word you reveal your vision of our New Season, that you bless us as we prepare for John and Helen's arrival,

We pray your blessing on John and Helen as they prepare for their New Season,

We pray that we can learn more of what it means to be a follower of Jesus from the early Church,

We ask that you help us accept the challenges that you set us, reveal where we need to make changes,

We pray that we recognize the promises that you have made, and help us to strengthen our faith in them,

Lord, we pray that today we take another step towards you,

Amen
