

Acts 16–19 Study Guide for Whiskey & Worship

Acts 16: Led by the Spirit — Obedience, Courage, and Joy

Focus Areas:

- **The Holy Spirit redirects Paul's plans**, leading him to Macedonia (Acts 16:6–10).
- **Lydia's heart is opened** to the gospel (Acts 16:14–15).
- **Paul and Silas are imprisoned**, yet worship through prayer and song (Acts 16:22–25).
- **The Philippian jailer and his household believe** after witnessing faith under pressure (Acts 16:26–34).

Men's Group Reflection:

- How do you respond when God closes doors and redirects your plans?
 - What does worship look like for you when life feels unjust or painful?
 - Are worship and prayer still present in your life during hardship?
 - Who might be watching your faith during difficult seasons?
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Acts 17: Thinking Faith — Conviction, Courage, and Engagement

Focus Areas:

- **Paul reasons from Scripture** in Thessalonica and Berea (Acts 17:2–4, 10–12).
- **The Bereans examine the Scriptures daily** to test the truth (Acts 17:11).
- **Paul addresses the philosophers in Athens**, engaging culture without compromising truth (Acts 17:16–34).

Men's Group Reflection:

- Are you actively searching the Scriptures like the Bereans?
 - How do you engage culture thoughtfully without blending in or backing down?
 - What modern “idols” compete for your loyalty and time?
 - How can you speak truth in a way people can understand without watering it down?
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Acts 18: Faithfulness in Work and Ministry — Endurance and Encouragement

Focus Areas:

- **Paul works alongside Aquila and Priscilla**, modeling faithful work and ministry (Acts 18:1–4).
- **God encourages Paul** to keep speaking despite opposition (Acts 18:9–11).
- **Aquila and Priscilla disciple Apollos**, strengthening his understanding (Acts 18:24–28).

Men's Group Reflection:

- How do you integrate faith into your work and daily responsibilities?
 - Where do you need God's encouragement to remain faithful and persistent?
 - Are you investing in others like Aquila and Priscilla did with Apollos?
 - How can God use your workplace as part of your mission field?
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Acts 19: Power Encounter — True Authority and Surrender**Focus Areas:**

- **Believers receive the Holy Spirit** in Ephesus (Acts 19:1–7).
- **God's power triumphs over counterfeit spirituality** (Acts 19:11–20).
- **Public repentance**, with believers burning costly magic books (Acts 19:18–19).
- **Economic and cultural backlash** as the gospel challenges idolatry (Acts 19:23–41).

Men's Group Reflection:

- Where might you be relying on substitutes instead of God's power?
- What does real repentance look like in action, not just intention?
- Does your faith confront cultural values that oppose Christ?
- Are you willing to let go of things that compete with God's authority?

Practical Applications for Men's Lives**Spirit-Led Decisions:**

Practice listening for God's direction in daily choices—big and small.

Scripture Discipline:

Commit to regular time in God's Word, following the example of the Bereans.

Faith at Work:

Identify one way to intentionally live out your faith in your workplace this month.

Repentance & Renewal:

Ask God to reveal anything that needs to be surrendered or removed from your life.

Finish-Well Commitment:

Define what faithfulness looks like for you long-term, and take one step toward it this week.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for clarity, courage, humility, and power to live out the gospel boldly and authentically.