THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Chapter 4-13

Read 4:23-31 What is the significance of Psa	lm 2?	(Note	4:25-26
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Read 5:1-11 What spirit were Ananias and Sapphira operating under? (Note 5:1-11)

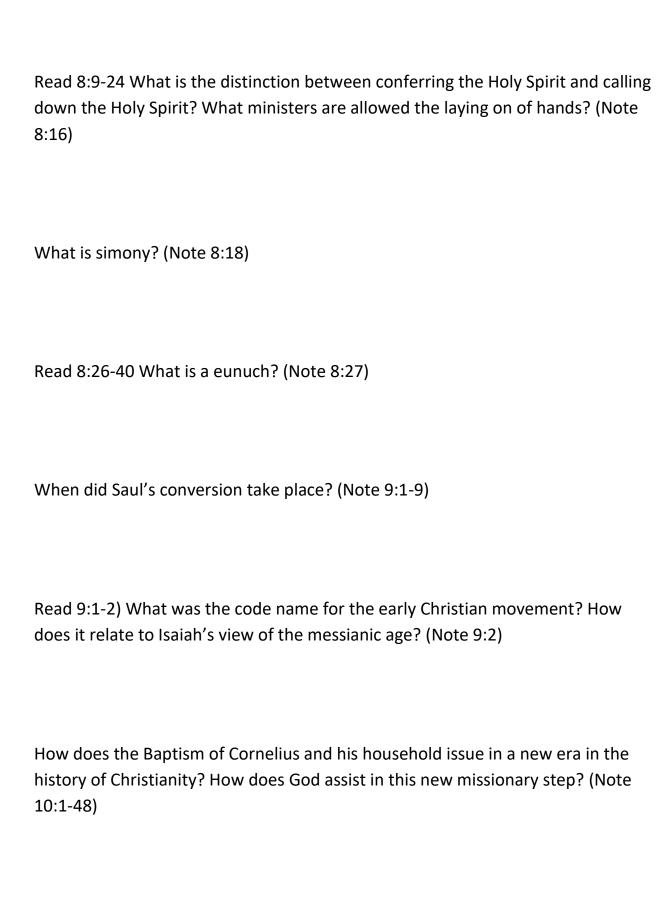
"You have not lied to men but to God" (5:4). How does the Church interpret this passage as it relates to the Divinity of the Holy Spirit? What Council was this declared at? (Note 5:4)

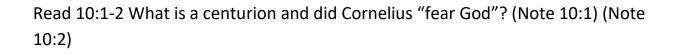
Read 5:17-21 What is the Council? What authority did it have in terms of corporal and capital matters? (Note 5:21)

Read 6:1-6 What is the difference between the Hellenist and the Hebrew believers in the early Church? (Note 6:1-6)

Are the seven that are chosen to serve consecrated? In what capacity do they serve? (Note 6:6)

What are the parallels between the deaths of Stephen and Jesus? (Note 6:8-7:60)
What is Stephen's speech to the council? (Note 7:1-53)
Read 7:9-16 What similarities exist in the stories of the patriarch Joseph and Jesus? (Note 7:9-16)
Read 17:17-41 What was the Original Sin of the nation of Israel? Was it God's intention to establish a sanctuary cult of continuous animal sacrifice? What is meant by the passage – I desire mercy not sacrifice? (Note 7:41
Read 17:42-53 Did the Israelites have a false perception of the Temple? (Note 7:48) (Note 7:49-50)
Read 7:54-60 How does Jesus welcome Stephen into His Kingdom? (Note 7:56)
Read 8:1-3 What was the effect of the persecution of the Church in Jerusalem? (Note 8:1)





Read 10:9-16 How does Peter's vision help him to formulate a proper understanding of Jewish dietary law as it relates to the New Covenant? (Note 10:14)

Read 10:34-35 Are any nations or peoples favored by God in the New Covenant? (Note 10:34)

Read 11:1-18 What is the circumcision party and how do they view the relationship between the Old and New Covenants? (Note 11:2)

How does the gift of the Holy Spirit to both Jews and Gentiles explain the distinction between the Old and New Covenants? (Note 11:17)

Read 13:1-3 What is the meaning of the Greek word Liturgy? How does Luke use the term? In the early Church how was the verb liturgy understood? (Note 13:2)

How many missionary journeys did St. Paul make? (Note 13:4-14:28) Read 13:4-5 Why did St. Paul target Jewish synagogues in his missionary endeavors? (Note 13:5) Read 13:13-15 How does the reading of the Law and the Prophets at the Jewish liturgical service in the synagogue compare with the Liturgy of the Word at Mass? (Note 13:15) What is the message of Paul's inaugural sermon? (Note 13:16-41) Read 13:35-38 is the expected Messiah to be preserved from corruption? (Note 13:34-35)