

ACTS ATTACK

The Last Reformation

Matthew 11:12

Acts Blueprint for the Modern Church: A Revitalization Outline <u>For The Modern</u> <u>Church</u>. We are using this outline to establish our goals of Reformation...

I. Foundations: Laying the Groundwork (Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-41)

A. Consistent Prayer and Dependence on the Holy Spirit: Emphasis on united, fervent prayer for guidance and empowerment. (Acts 1:14; 4:31)

B. Community Building and Fellowship: Fostering genuine relationships and mutual support among members. (Acts 2:42-47)

C. Clear Gospel Proclamation: Bold and unashamed sharing of the Gospel message, emphasizing salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:38-40)

D. Biblical Teaching and Discipleship: Systematic teaching of the Word of God, equipping believers to grow in faith and live out their calling. (Acts 2:42)

II. Expansion: Reaching Out and Making Disciples (Acts 2:41-47; 8:1-4; 11:19-30)

A. Evangelism and Missions: Actively seeking opportunities to share the Gospel with the lost, both locally and globally. (Acts 1:8; 8:4)

B. Church Planting: Establishing new churches to extend the reach of the Gospel and build a network of believers. (Acts 11:19-30)

C. Discipleship and Mentoring: Investing in the lives of new believers, guiding them in their faith journey and equipping them for ministry. (Acts 2:42)

D. Acts of Service and Compassion: Demonstrating God's love through practical acts of kindness and compassion to those in need. (Acts 6:1-7)

III. Perseverance: Overcoming Challenges and Maintaining Faithfulness (Acts 4:1-22; 5:1-11; 14:19-28)

A. Facing Persecution and Opposition: Maintaining faith and courage in the face of adversity and opposition. (Acts 4:1-22; 5:1-11)

B. Maintaining Unity and Avoiding Division: Promoting unity and harmony within the church, resolving conflicts peacefully and biblically. (Acts 15:1-35)

C. Staying Faithful to the Gospel: Remaining steadfast in the truth of the Gospel, refusing to compromise or dilute its message. (Acts 14:19-28)

D. Spiritual Warfare and Spiritual Disciplines: Recognizing the reality of spiritual warfare and engaging in spiritual disciplines like prayer and fasting to maintain spiritual strength and discernment. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

IV. The Importance of Replicating these Areas Today:

The modern church often struggles with relevance and effectiveness. Replicating the Acts model is crucial because it provides a timeless blueprint for a vibrant, mission-focused church. By prioritizing prayer, community, evangelism, discipleship, and perseverance, churches can overcome challenges, fulfill the Great Commission, and make a lasting impact on the world. The decline of the modern church often stems from a departure from these foundational principles. Returning to the Acts model offers a path towards renewal and spiritual vitality. It's not just about mimicking the first century church; it's about embracing the core principles that led to its explosive growth and lasting influence.

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