



# A SERIES ABOUT HOW THE FIRST CHRISTIANS LIVED AND SERVED TOGETHER. THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS

#### SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 | Week 1 - Introduction to Acts and Baptism

WEEK 2 Week 2 - The Holy Spirit

**WEEK 3** Week 3 - Fellowship of Believers

**WEEK 4** Week 4 - A Church for Everyone

WEEK 5 Week 5 - Jesus' Return

**WEEK 6** Week 6 - Conversion of Saul

**WEEK 7** Week 7 - On Mission

WEEK 8 Week 8 - A Generous Church

Some groups may stop meeting after week 7 as summer break begins. If so, follow along and complete week 8 at your own pace.

## SERIES BOOKLET GUIDE

# WEEKLY MESSAGE PAGE | A page to take notes during Sunday's teaching

## DAYS 1 THROUGH 5 Daily scripture and prompts

- **1. Read:** Each day contains scripture pertaining to the week's teaching. Read through it once. Then read it again through the lens of the provided prompts.
- **2. Notice:** Follow the prompts to notice themes or concepts as they relate to the week's teaching. Underline, circle or mark what you notice.
- **3. Reflect:** After reading and noticing, jot down what stood out to you.

# DAYS 6 | Weekly Reflection

Look back at the week and reflect. Take time to identify what he is teaching you; where to repent; where to act in faith.

## DAYS 7 | Weekly Meditation

Practice sitting in silence before God, aware of his presence. Listen.

# HOME COMMUNITY SPRING SESSION 2022

# GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

#### **PRIORITY**

Make it a priority. Choose to spend time reading scripture, journaling, praying, listening to the teaching. Invest your time by spending it with God and with your group.

# **VULNERABILITY**

Letting your guard down so that others can know you is hard, but it is in choosing to take that risk that growth can happen. Choose vulnerability.

## RESPECT

For people to be vulnerable, we have to create safe spaces for that to happen. From the leader to the group members, we all help create environments of safety and respect.

# FUN

There will undoubtedly be serious, profound, and even tearful moments, but it should also be fun. There are not many things better in life than laughing with friends.

# MUTUALITY

Christian community is not meant to be one-directional. Scripture speaks of mutuality in the "one another" commands. Come prepared to give and receive; to share your story and perspective and listen to others and hear what they have to say.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Your group may have people you know well while others less so. Take time to get to know everyone. Often this cannot be done in a once-a-week meeting, so invite others to coffee or over for dinner, or better yet, serve together. Find ways to build relationships outside of the weekly gathering.