

**MEMBER'S GUIDE**

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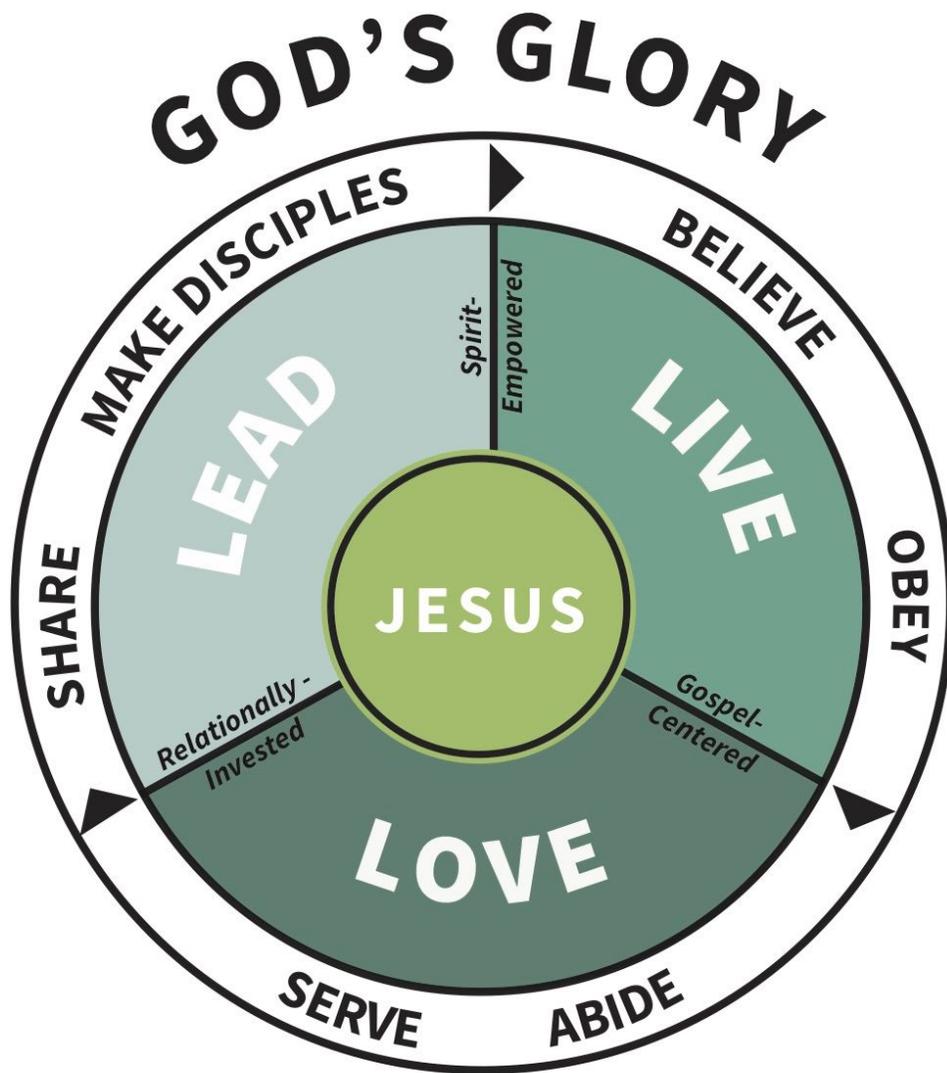
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# PROFILE OF A DISCIPLE





# LIFE GROUP MEMBER'S GUIDE

## LETTING GOD WORK IN AND THROUGH US

### INTRODUCTION

We want to take a moment and tell you how excited we are that you are studying the Book of Acts with a life group. This book is a powerful witness to how the Holy Spirit works mightily in and through His people. Our prayer for you is that this study would be transformational for your life group, both individually and as a group. **Following Jesus takes great faith and great courage - the book of Acts is a testament to what happens when God's people live out both of those with boldness found in the Holy Spirit.** May this study lead to great movements of God in our community today through the Holy Spirit's work in and through you and your group. Please take time to not only study this incredible book of the Bible this year, but seek as a group to be a witness to those around you this year through service, Gospel sharing, and discipling. We can't wait to hear the stories of how God works in and through you all.

**Why Study the Book of Acts:** Acts is a continuation of what Jesus did in the Book of Luke. It is a book of action, not so much about the acts of Christians, but the acts of Jesus working in and through people, especially His people. In Luke, He did it through His physical body of flesh. In Acts, He works through the bodies of others. Acts helps us see and understand the true power of the church reaching to all peoples. In fact, we really can't understand the New Testament without the Book of Acts.

The basic question the Book of Acts asks and answers is, "What happened to make the Gospel break out of Jerusalem and reach to the ends of the earth?" **All people need to hear about Jesus and how they can believe and be saved. Acts causes us to ask, "What needs to happen so the Gospel can break out of our churches to our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of our world today?"**



# LIFEGROUP MEMBER'S GUIDE

## INTRODUCTION TO THE CURRICULUM

Below is the basic format for each week. Take as long as you need in any given section, engage deeply with the scripture. This is not something to check-off or rush through, but an opportunity to interact with God and learn from Him. You may want to set aside time a couple of days during the week to read through the story; it is likely that different parts will stand out at different times. Remember, this is just a guide for you to use however it benefits your time with God.



### PREPARE

Here you'll find a few suggestions to help get the most from your time and be able to focus.



### ENGAGE

In this section, you'll find questions to help you interact with the passage and dig-in deeper. Use these as a guide to get below the surface of the story, but they aren't a checklist; they are there to help if you want them. The point is to engage in the scripture and start to unpack what you are reading.



### APPLICATION

This is where life and scripture intersect and what you are hearing from God is implemented.



### CLOSING

A few suggestions on ways to end your time.



### NOTES

A place to jot down your thoughts, what strikes you from the story, ideas or questions you'd like to share with your Life Group.

# INTRODUCTION TO ACTS: ASCENSION AND CALL TO WITNESS

ACTS 1:1-26



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# PENTECOST: THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES AND BIRTHS THE CHURCH

ACTS 2:1-47



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# HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED: BOLDNESS IN DEED AND PRAYER

ACTS 4:1-31



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ACTS 4:32-5:16



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# GOD'S ULTIMATE AUTHORITY: OBEYING GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE

ACTS 5:17-42



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# FAITHFUL TO GOD: IN CHURCH LIFE AND IN THE FACE OF DEATH

ACTS 6:1-7:60



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# GOSPEL ON THE MOVE: GOD BRINGS TRUTH TO SAMARIA AND BEYOND

ACTS 8:1-40



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# A LIFE TRANSFORMED: GOD BRINGS RADICAL CHANGE

ACTS 9:1-31



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# THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL: GOD REACHES TOWARD THE GENTILES

ACTS 9:32-10:48



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# CHURCH GROWTH: IN UNDERSTANDING AND CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER

*ACTS 11:1-30*



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# POWER ON DISPLAY: WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

ACTS 12:1-25



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# GOD SENDS:

## PAUL ON MISSION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 13:1-52



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ACTS 14:1-28



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# CRITICAL CONVERSATION:

## THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL AND ALL BELIEVERS

ACTS 15:1-41



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# BELIEF AND SALVATION: GOD GROWING HIS CHURCH

ACTS 16:1-40



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# TRUTH PREVAILS: STANDING IN GOD'S TRUTH AND PROOF

ACTS 17:1-33



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# SHARING TRUTH: INVESTING IN OTHERS

ACTS 18:1-28



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# GOD'S AWESOME POWER: THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MIRACULOUS WORK

ACTS 19:1-41



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# PAUL'S JOURNEYS: LEAVING A GOSPEL LEGACY

ACTS 20:1-38



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# STRONG FAITH: STANDING IN GOD'S WILL FIRST

ACTS 21:1-36



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# STANDING STRONG: TEACHING TRUTH BEFORE OPPOSITION

ACTS 21:37-22:30



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# TAKE COURAGE: PAUL FACES GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

ACTS 23:1-35



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# SO CLOSE: ALMOST REAL CHRISTIANITY

ACTS 24:1-27



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# READY FAITH:

## ANSWERS IN THE FACE OF ACCUSATION

ACTS 25:1-22



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# TELLING OF GOD'S WORK:

## PAUL'S TESTIMONY OF GOSPEL HOPE

ACTS 26:1-32



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# GOD'S WILL: STORMS ON THE SEA

ACTS 27:1-44



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# TO BE CONTINUED:

## PAUL IN ROME AND THE CHURCH CONTINUES

ACTS 28:1-30



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# YEAR END REVIEW

## PROFILE OF A DISCIPLE



### WARM-UP

- 1. ASK.** Are you making disciples? If not, why not? What are some ways you personally can make disciples?
- 3. PRAY.** Ask the Holy Spirit to work in your hearts and minds as you study this passage.



### DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- What are each of the parts of the Profile of a Disciple?
  - What (or rather, who) is at the center?
  - What spokes radiate from that center?
  - What areas do those spokes partition?
  - What six actions surround the wheel?
  - What's the whole thing ultimately about? (God's Glory)

**GENERAL QUESTIONS:** What does this teach us about God? What does this teach us about people?



### APPLICATION

- How much time do you spend investing in each area - Live, Love, and Lead?
- How do you practice the actions around the rim of the Wheel?
- Do your daily choices reflect the ultimate purpose of Everything?
  - What do you really have as your guiding principle in life?



### WRAP-UP

- In what specific ways are you going to be a better disciple from now on?
- How are you going to apply everything you've learned in the past 27 weeks to your life for the next 29 weeks?
- Who will you share this with this week? Pray for God to continue to teach you about this passage throughout the week.

# RESOURCES

## APPS

- YouBible
- Logos Bible
- Blue Letter Bible
- She Read Truth

## WEBSITES

- Biblegateway.com
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