

1. **Read** Acts 1:1-3 and the Gospel of Luke 1:1-4. What do you think Luke is trying to accomplish by writing the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles?
2. **Read** Luke 24:33-53, Acts 1:3-11, and 1 Cor 15:1-3-8. What elements of this story speak to you?
3. **Read** 1 Cor 15:35-58. How does this explanation of your resurrection inform the way you think about death and how you should live as a Christian?
4. **Read** Acts 1:4-8. Why do you think the disciples were not given the time when Jesus would return?
5. Why is the Holy Spirit so critical to the disciples?
6. How have you personally experienced the power of the Holy Spirit? (Galatians 5)
7. What was the strategy Jesus provided to his disciples for sharing their testimony about Him?
8. What does it look like for you to live out this strategy?
9. **Read Acts 1:12-26.** Why did Peter lead the disciples to replace Judas?
10. How does the process the apostle's used for choosing Matthias apply to decisions in your life?

1. **Read** Acts 2:1-13, Exodus 34:22, and Leviticus 23:15-22. What was going on in Jerusalem during the time of Pentecost in those days?
2. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Christian church. Why do you think theologians would make that claim?
3. Why do you think God caused a huge wind to blow with flames of fire when he sent the Holy Spirit?
4. What do learn about the Holy Spirit from these passages:
 - Genesis 1:2
 - Exodus 31:2-3
 - 1 Samuel 10:10
 - Judges 15:14
 - Matthew 3:16-17
 - 1 Cor 2:9-11
 - John 14:26
 - Ephesians 1:13-14
 - 2 Peter 1:20
5. Have you ever experienced any of these traits of the Holy Spirit or seen them in the life of someone around you? If so, how?

1. **Read** Acts 2:14-21, Luke 22:54-62, and John 21:15-19. What has happened to Peter?
2. What is noticeably different about you since you have started following Jesus?
3. **Read** Matthew 24:1-24 with Acts 2:17-21. What are the things we will see when Jesus returns?
4. How does Peter's use of the prophecy from Joel vindicate his disciples?
5. **Read** Acts 2:22-41. What are all the things God did according to Peter in this passage? (Look for the word God or Father in these verses.)
6. What were the foundational truths Peter shared that cut the people to the heart (vs 37)?
7. **Read** Hebrews 4:12-13. What was the last message you read or heard that cut you to the heart?
8. **Read** James 1:16 and Hebrews 4:16. What are examples of sins we should be confessing?
9. **Read** Acts 2:42-47. What did the early church do that we can replicate that helped them save people daily?

1. **Read** Acts 3:1-10, Luke 5:8-10, Luke 22:7-8, John 20:2-4, and John 21:20-21. What do these passages say about the relationship between Peter and John?
2. Who is a man in your life that is walking with you into the daily battles and how have you built that friendship?
3. Why do you think Luke wanted us to know Peter and John were heading to the temple for afternoon prayer, as well as their location in the temple?
4. **Read** James 5:14-15, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Matthew 26:36-40, and John 11:4,14. Think about what God did in each of these scenarios and in this story of the crippled beggar. What should we expect from God when we pray for healing?
5. What do you need God to heal that is broken in your life right now?
6. What can you learn from the response of the man after he is healed?
7. **Read** Acts 3:11-26. What does Peter tell them was the source of the man being healed?
8. What are all of the accusations Peter makes against his Jewish audience?
9. What are all of the prophetic promises Peter states that are meant for us as well?
10. **Read** Acts 4:1-4. What do you learn from the responses of the crowd and the Sanhedrin?

1. **Read** Acts 4:1-7. How do you perceive the legality of this arrest?
2. **Read** Romans 13:1 and 1 Peter 2:13. How did Peter and John respond to this arrest, and how do you think as Christians we are called to respond to our local authorities?
3. **Read** Acts 4:8-12. What are the arguments Peter presents to the Sanhedrin to answer their question about what power was used to heal the lame beggar?
4. **Reflect** on Acts 4:12 and John 14:6. How will you respond to people who argue that all roads lead to heaven?
5. **Read** Acts 4:13. How would people know that you have been with Jesus?
6. **Read** 4:14-21. What stood out to you as you saw the response of the Sanhedrin and the reply of Peter and John?
7. How would you know when to disobey the religious authorities in your life?
8. **Read Acts 4:23-31.** Describe as many elements of this prayer that help inform why and how we should pray.
9. What are you willing to share with the men in your group so they can pray with you in your group this week?
10. Why do you think God shook the room and filled the people with the Holy Spirit? How does that inform us about where God wants us to focus our life and attention?

1. **Read** Acts 4:32-37. What makes this form of community challenging in the modern church?
2. **Read** Acts 5:1-11. What are the key elements of Peter's accusations against Ananias & Sapphira?
3. **Read** Matthew 15:8. In what areas of your life would it be possible to see potential differences between how you want people to perceive you and how you actually behave in private?
4. **Read** Acts 5:5-11, Lev 10:1-2, and 1 Cor 10:6-13. Why do you think God exercised such harsh judgment on these people?
5. Would you say Ananias and Sapphira were both saved? Why or why not?
6. **Read** 2 Cor 9:6-11. Comparing Paul's instructions with the new church described in Acts, what do you think the Bible says about your personal generosity and giving?
7. What are a few of your biggest constraints to giving generously?
8. How might you explain the apparent contradiction in verses 13 and 14?
9. **Read** Acts 5: 12-16. From verse 14 and 15 why did people bring their sick?
10. **Read** Romans 15:18-19. Why do you think all of those who came to the apostles were healed in those days and God does not heal everyone now?