

Sermon Discussion Guide

July 1-2, 2017

“Summer of Acts: A New World View for Followers of the Way”

Scripture: Acts 10:39-48



OPENING

This is the summer of Acts! This is book, written by Luke that describes the acts of the early apostles. What they did, where they went, and how the church became what it is today. Over the next seven weeks, we are taking a deep dive into the early church. This week we're focusing on the world around us.

PRAYER

Open your time together with a moment of prayer. Invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation, and ask God to give you wisdom and discernment as you read Scripture and discuss your faith. Trust in him to guide you.

THE SERMON

Take some time with your group to recap the message you heard this weekend before jumping into the questions. If you missed anything, you can watch the service again online. Here are a few questions to help get your conversation started. Did you attend a worship service? If so, which one? Who was preaching? In your own words, what was the message about? Did you have any “Ah-Ha” moments (did you feel convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon?) What has been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

INTO THE WORD

Take a few moments to read the Scripture verses shared during the worship service, along with a few others listed below. You can read these passages out loud as a group, or silently to yourselves.

Read Acts 10:39-48

- What does God command of his people?
- Discuss how Hope's mission statement relates to this passage.
- Develop a mission statement for your group.

Watch the sermon video and discuss the following questions:

- What boundaries have you put in your life to keep you from the work God has set forth for you?
- What is something you can do this week to reach out to the world around you?
- Brainstorm ways to include outreach as part of your time together as a group.

APPLICATION

This week, reflect on Acts 10:39-48. Think of the ways in which you put yourself in a box, what boundaries do you put in place between you and God's command? Pray about asking God to use you to further his kingdom and be open to whatever ways God is calling you to spread his love to the world around you.