



# Lifegroup Curriculum: Week 10

## Looking Back

### Family Time (20 mins)

1. Vision:
  - Vision Statement: Explain the vision of your lifegroup. If you invited someone to share your vision piece last week, have them share this week! Invite someone in your lifegroup to share your vision piece next time.
2. Icebreaker Question:
  - When's the last time you witnessed great joy in your neighborhood, community, city, or workplace?
3. Check-Ins:
  - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

## Looking Up

### Worship (15 mins)

- [It Is Well](#) - Kristene DiMarco
- [Refiner](#) - Maverick City Music

### Bible Study (30 mins)

Acts 8:1-8 NIV

*1 And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.*

*4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure*



*spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.*

## **Small Groups: (25 mins)**

### Discussion Questions:

- How did Saul's actions affect the early church (v. 3), either negatively or positively?
- What allowed the believers to preach the word wherever they went (v. 4)?
- What led to there being "great joy" in the city (v. 8)?

### Application Questions:

- In what ways am I experiencing persecution or opposition today? How might God be in it or using it to help me enter more fully into my identity/calling?
- In what situations am I finding opportunities to preach the word and perform signs? In what situations do I feel stuck/unsure?
- What would it look like to pursue building God's Kingdom right where I am and create space for great joy?

### Pray and Intercede:

- For the places that feel hard.
- For God to fill us so that we can be ready in any circumstance.
- To enter more fully into what God wants to do in, through and around us.

## **End of Acts:**

This marks the end of our mini-series on Acts, but please feel free to keep reading on to see how the early church continues to grow and develop!