



Lifegroup Curriculum: Week 2

Looking Back

Family Time (15-20 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:
 - What's something you're wanting to prioritize/make more time for in 2022? And how has that been going, or not going, so far?
3. Check-Ins:
 - Life updates from the previous week(s), prayer requests, praise reports.

Looking Up

Worship (15-20 mins)

- [Spirit Move](#) - Kalley Heiligenthal
- [New Wine](#) - Hillsong Worship

Bible Study (30 mins)

Background

Over the next 10 or so weeks, we're going to be reading through the first 8 chapters of Acts together. As you may know, Acts was written by the same author as the Gospel of Luke. Whereas Luke focused on the life of Jesus, Acts turns to focus on the early church community that begins to grow following Jesus' return to heaven. In that way, then, there's a lot for us to learn from what the early church did as we consider what it means to "build His house" today. Because we won't have time to study everything in Lifegroup, we'll make a note of the passages people can read through on their own before the next Lifegroup meeting. This way we'll have read through Acts 1-8 together when this is over.



Acts 1:1-11, NIV

¹ In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in whitestood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Discussion Questions

Feel free to use as many questions as you want to below but don't feel like you need to answer each one! Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to the questions you should ask your group.

- What stands out to you?
- What do you learn about the Holy Spirit?
- What would it look like to make more space to wait on the Holy Spirit both personally and in community?
- What do you learn about Jesus' calling to us as his followers?
 - Context: Jerusalem was the city the apostles were currently in, Judea was the greater region where Jerusalem was located, Samaria was the neighboring region that was culturally different from what the apostles were used to and even considered enemies, and the ends of the earth was anything beyond Samaria.
- What are your Jerusalem (immediate circles and spheres of influence), Judea (the larger network around us), Samaria (those outside of our comfort zone who are



culturally and socially different from us), and ends of the earth (those far removed from us)?

- How is Jesus calling you to be his witness this week?

Looking Forward (15 mins)

- 1) Break into small groups of 3-4 and share what it would look like to make more space for the Holy Spirit as well as how Jesus is calling you to be his witness this week.
- 2) Pray for each other to be filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to be Jesus' witnesses in every sphere of our lives.

Midweek Reading

- Please read Acts 1:12-26 on your own, as we'll be picking up Acts 2 together next time!