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Probably not how we would've done it. Gather a small band of uneducated, curious teenagers, train them for 3 years, and then set them loose to change the world!? But that's what God chose to do! So, it would be unmistakable that it was Him working through them. That is God's way. Having died and risen, King Jesus sent His disciples out to live on mission. They weren't alone; they had each other. They weren't on their own; they had Jesus' own Spirit within them and among them, even going before them. Equipped with power and courage, joy and hope, these forgiven new siblings ventured out into a secular culture, much like our own, and shared with words and actions how Jesus was changing their lives.

Like a rock cast into the water the ripple effect was profound. The Gospel Movement launched in a tiny upper room didn't lose steam after Good Friday and Easter Sunday, it gained MOMENTUM! More and more people from disparate backgrounds found life in King Jesus as the disciples moved out to fold them in. This is no different today. God is still on the MOVE! King Jesus' mission continues to make its way through His people. Are you a part of it? Let's learn how, together.

HOW TO USE YOUR JOURNAL

1. Mondays in this journal are intended to be “Overview” days and Fridays are “Wrap-Up” days. If you only have time to do the journal once in a week, do the Monday overview. If you can only do two, do the questions for Monday and Friday. This will give you the most helpful big picture for the week.

2. Questions: Each day, read the assigned passage slowly, then reflect thoughtfully on the questions. In addition to the questions that help you think about the passage itself, we have included additional ways to pause and study the day’s passage:

- Reflect questions ask you to think about how the passage applies to your life - past, present, and future.
- Dig Deeper questions have you look at a related passage somewhere else in Scripture.
- Practice questions ask you to apply the passage by doing some action.
- Listen - In the Tuesday *Life at Hope* email, we’ll be including a “Song of the Week” that relates to the Scripture theme for the week. We recommend listening to that song on Wednesday as part of your time with God.

3. Group Discussion Questions: If you’re not already in a Community Group that is discussing the weekly themes and sermons, we encourage you to join one or form your own. (Reach out to Pastor Bill at bcraig@hopemason.org for ideas.)

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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

ACTS 2:1-41 OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 2:1-41, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 2:1-21

Read through verses 1-4 slowly. Picture each event. What do you notice? How do you think you would have felt to be in that room?

Why might God have chosen a time when people from “every nation” were in Jerusalem to pour out the Spirit? What do we learn about God from this? Write a prayer about that.

DIG DEEPER

Read Genesis 11:1-9. How might the events of Genesis 11 and Acts 2 relate? What does that teach us about God?

ACTS 2:22-36

List the things Peter says about God (the Father), and then about Jesus, in these verses. Put a star by the thoughts that are most striking to you.

List the things he says about David. What does this teach us about David, and about God?

DIG DEEPER

Peter quotes Psalm 16. Read the Psalm (it's just 11 verses). What does this tell us about the Old Testament and prophecy? What questions do you have about that?

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 2:37-41

What does Peter call them to do as a response to the gospel? What does that mean?

What does Peter say will happen if they respond? As you write, pray that someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus would experience these things.

REFLECT

What's amazing about this invitation (particularly in light of verse 36)? What does this tell us about God? Write a brief prayer of praise to Him about that.

ACTS 2:1-41

WRAP-UP

What amazes you most about God in this chapter?
Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose
for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 2:1-41

SERMON NOTES

APRIL 1-7 | SUNDAY

ACTS 2:42-47 & 4:32-37

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 2:42-47 & 4:32-37, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 2:42-47

List the things the church did in this passage. What is most striking to you, and why?

REFLECT

Which of these things do you sense Jesus would most affirm in your life right now? In which might He call you to go deeper? Is there a next step here?

REFLECT

Which of these things do you most appreciate about Hope Church? Which do you most long to see more of at Hope? How might the Lord lead you to be part of that growth?

ACTS 2:42-47

Note the difference between the behavior of the disciples in John 20:19 and here. What's the difference, and why is it different?

What impact did the actions of these verses have on the Christians who experienced them? What impact did it have on non-Christians?

PRACTICE

Brainstorm a list of people you could invite to your home for a meal: someone outside the faith, or someone from Hope who is new, or of a different ethnicity, generation, or marital status than you. Write their name(s) below, and invite them!

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 4:32-37

List the things we're told about the church in this passage. Picture what that would look like today. What is most striking to you, and why?

What is attractive to you about the unusual generosity of the church in this passage? What questions do you have about that?

REFLECT

Ask God if there's an act of unusual giving He would call you to this week. Write below any thoughts that come, and if you sense it's from the Lord, follow through!

ACTS 2:42-47 & 4:32-37

WRAP-UP

Where do you see Hope's four "shapes" in these passages: receiving gospel grace, loving God, loving each other in the church, and loving the world?

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 2:42-47 & 4:32-37

SERMON NOTES

APRIL 8-14 | SUNDAY

ACTS 3:1-26

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 3:1-26, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 3:1-10

What do we learn about the beggar in these verses?
What do we learn about Peter? About God?

Imagine what the lame man's life was like before this encounter. What must he have thought about himself? About others? About God? How must that have changed in verse 8?

REFLECT

What contrast is there between your life before knowing Jesus and your life after? Write a brief prayer of thanks and praise to God for that.

ACTS 3:9-16

How did the people respond to the healing? How did Peter respond? What was the difference between them?

List the things that Peter said the Jews did in these verses. What is shocking about that?

PRACTICE

Write out verse 16. What feelings or desires rise to the surface for you? Talk to God about that.

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 3:17-26

What does Peter say about the Old Testament in these verses?

What do we learn about the Jewish people in these verses? What does Peter call them to do, what warnings does he give them, and what promises?

REFLECT

Write the name of someone you know who doesn't know Jesus. Then write out verses 19-20, making it a prayer for them as you write.

ACTS 3:1-26

WRAP-UP

What amazes you most about God in this chapter?
Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose
for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 3:1-26

SERMON NOTES

APRIL 15-21 | SUNDAY

ACTS 4:1-31

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 4:1-31, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 4:1-12

How do you see boldness in the disciples in these verses, and where did that boldness come from? What do you have in common with the disciples in that regard? What's different?

What did it cost Peter and John to tell others about Jesus? What might it (realistically) cost us? Are you willing to pay that cost? Write a brief prayer about that.

PRACTICE

Write out verse 12. What are some next steps you might take with people who are “outside the faith but inside your reach” to be a witness to them of this good news? Ask God to lead you as you write, and to give you courage to follow through!

ACTS 4:13-22

What do we learn about the religious leaders in these verses? What was their goal? What were they afraid of? What did they do?

REFLECT

In what ways do you feel pressured to keep quiet about the gospel? Do you think it's mostly internal pressure or external? What do you think Jesus would say to you about that?

PRACTICE

Write out verse 20 three times. As you do, pray that this would be true of you as well! Pray it for another brother or sister in Christ at Hope as well, and let them know.

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 4:23-31

What things would you ask for in prayer if you or your friends were put in jail or threatened by authorities?

List below the things they prayed about. What is striking to you about that?

PRACTICE

Write out verses 29-30. As you do, pray that God would do the same in and through us at Hope!

ACTS 4:1-31

WRAP-UP

What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 4:1-31

SERMON NOTES

APRIL 22-28 | SUNDAY

ACTS 5:12-42

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 5:12-42, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 5:12-16

What do we learn about the disciples in these verses, and what was the impact of their ministry?

Read through the verses again. What must it have been like for those who were healed: the blind, the lame, the diseased, the demon-possessed? What was it like for their family members? For the apostles?

REFLECT

What do you think is God's heart for healing today (all kinds of healing: physical, emotional, spiritual)? What gives you that impression? Write a prayer below, asking God to show you His heart and purposes for healing today.

ACTS 5:17-26

What do we learn about God in these verses? The apostles?

How do you imagine the apostles felt when they got the command from the angel in verse 20? How would you have felt? What would you have done?

REFLECT

The angel told the apostles to go into the temple and “speak to the people all the words of this Life” or “speak all about this Life.” How would you describe this “Life”? What would be key parts of your message?

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 5:27-42

Re-read verse 29. What are some things today that you may be asked to do (or not do) that go against God's commands? After each, write, "We must obey God rather than people."

How would you summarize Gamaliel's advice? Do you think it was good advice or not? Why?

REFLECT

What were the two responses of the apostles in verses 41-42? What is surprising about that? Write a brief prayer, asking God to help you and your Hope family do the same.

ACTS 5:12-42

WRAP-UP

What excites you most about God and His work in this chapter?

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 5:12-42

SERMON NOTES

APRIL 29-MAY 5 | SUNDAY

ACTS 6:1-7

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 6:1-7, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 6:1-7

What was the problem between the Hellenistic (Greek-speaking) Jewish Christians and the Hebraic (Hebrew-speaking) Jewish Christians? List possible reasons they were doing that, and put a star by the most likely.

What are the biggest cultural conflicts or divides in the Church today? Which of these are the greatest challenge for you? What are some steps you could take to address that? Ask God to lead you to a next step, and put a star by it.

REFLECT

Whom do you think might be “overlooked” at Hope Church today? What role might God want you to play to ensure that doesn’t happen?

ACTS 6:1-7

What are different ways the Twelve might have responded to the complaints of the Hellenistic Jews? How did they actually respond, and what do we learn from that?

What qualities were required in these men who were to “wait on tables”? What is surprising about that?

REFLECT

What church roles are mentioned in this passage? What do you sense God wants your role to be at Hope Church right now (one of those or something else)? Is there a next step here?

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 6:1-7

What was the result of their decision, and what does that teach us?

Some people say, “Just preach the gospel, and the rest will take care of itself.” How does this passage challenge that mentality?

REFLECT

What does this passage say about prayer? Make a list of ways you might grow in a life of prayer. Ask God to lead you on which you should do, share it with a friend, and follow through! (Consider reaching out to Pastor Bill at bcraig@hopemason.org to learn of opportunities.)

ACTS 6:1-7

WRAP-UP

What excites you most about God and His work in this passage? What challenges you? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 6:1-7

SERMON NOTES

MAY 6-12 | SUNDAY

ACTS 6:8-8:1

OVERVIEW

Read Acts 6:8-15 and 7:51-8:1 slowly. (If you have time, read all of 6:8-8:1.) Write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 6:8-7:16

What do we learn about Stephen in these verses? Which of these do you long to reflect more in your own life?

List the verbs connected to God in these verses. What are all the things God did, and what does that teach us about Him?

REFLECT

Which of these things that we learn about God is most meaningful to you today? Write a brief prayer of worship and thanksgiving, telling Him that.

ACTS 7:17-34

List the things we learn about Moses in these verses.

What do you imagine Moses was feeling during the 40 years when he was in Midian? How do you think he felt when God said, “I will send you back to Egypt.”?

REFLECT

Imagine God saying to you right now, “I am sending you to _____.” How do you sense God would fill in that sentence for you right now? Is there a step to take here?

LISTEN

Listen to the “Song of the Week” from yesterday’s *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 7:35-8:1

What do we learn about the Jewish ancestors? About Saul? Is there anything here that might be a temptation for you?

What do we learn about God in these verses? Which of these is most meaningful to you right now? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

DIG DEEPER

Read Matthew 26:63-67 and Luke 23:34 and 46. How do these passages relate, and what do we learn from this?

ACTS 6:8-8:1

WRAP-UP

What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 6:8-8:1

SERMON NOTES

MAY 13-19 | SUNDAY

ACTS 8:1-40

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 8:1-40, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 8:1-13

What was happening to the church in Acts 7:59-8:1? What do you imagine life would be like for them day to day, and how do you think you'd respond?

What was the spiritual environment in Samaria? What were the obstacles to the gospel there? How were those obstacles overcome?

REFLECT

What do you think are the biggest obstacles to the gospel in our culture? How do you imagine they can be overcome? What role do you sense God wants you to play in that? Ask Him, and write any thoughts that come.

ACTS 8:14-25

What is your understanding of how someone receives the Holy Spirit? How is that similar to or different from what's said in these verses? What questions do you have about that? (See Acts 2:38.)

What development do you see in Simon's life over these verses? What did he leave behind to embrace the gospel? What did he not leave behind? What do we learn from Peter's confrontation and Simon's response?

PRACTICE

Write out Psalm 139:23-24. Then set a timer for 2 minutes and just sit with God. Ask Him to show you what your actions lately are revealing about your heart. Write any thoughts that come.

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 8:26-40

What do we learn about this Ethiopian man? What did he have right? What was he missing? What does this teach us about at least some people who don't know God?

List 3-4 ways that God speaks to people in this passage. Which of these have you experienced? Have you had what might have been a "nudge" from God (it doesn't say the Spirit spoke to Philip verbally) to go somewhere or call someone? When was the last time? What happened?

REFLECT

God has you where you are for a reason! List three people in your life who are outside the faith: one from where you "live," one from where you "work" or volunteer, and one from where you "play." For each, what is one thing they have right about their beliefs? What are they missing? Pray for each, and ask God to lead you.

ACTS 8:1-40

WRAP-UP

What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 8:1-40

SERMON NOTES

MAY 20-26 | SUNDAY

ACTS 9:1-31

OVERVIEW

As you read Acts 9:1-31, write down any key thoughts and highlights.

What are the main questions you have from the passage? Put a star by the most important ones.

REFLECT

What feelings or desires are stirred in you by this passage? Write a brief prayer about that.

ACTS 9:1-9

What do we learn about Jesus and the way He works from these verses?

In what sense was Saul persecuting Jesus? What does that tell us about Jesus? About Saul?

REFLECT

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What does Paul say about his conversion in these verses? Write your own prayer of praise to God for His rescue of you.

ACTS 9:10-19

What do we learn about Ananias in these verses? Why do you think God sent him, instead of just saying it directly to Saul like He did on the road to Damascus?

In whose lives has God used you, as He did Ananias? How might He want to use you in people's lives in this way? Ask Him to lead you, and write down any thoughts that come.

PRACTICE

Reach out to the person God used to bring you to Himself for the first time. (If they're not living, reach out to someone who had an influence on your life with Jesus early in your life with Him.) Tell them how God used them in your life, and thank them.

LISTEN

Listen to the "Song of the Week" from yesterday's *Life at Hope* email.

ACTS 9:19-31

What were the various responses to Saul's ministry in these verses?

It's hard for many of us to imagine why someone would want to kill another person because of their religious beliefs. List at least 3-4 reasons someone might want to do that, and put a star by the ones you think are the biggest.

PRACTICE

There are people today who want to kill Christians, too. Write a brief prayer for them below and ask God to save them and to give you His heart for them.

ACTS 9:1-31

WRAP-UP

What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.

What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

PRACTICE

Look back through your notes from the week. What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage? Share it with a brother or sister in Christ at Hope and ask them to pray for you. Offer to do the same for them.



ACTS 9:1-31

SERMON NOTES

MAY 27 - JUNE 2 | SUNDAY

APRIL 1-7

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 2:1-41

- What do you enjoy most about being with people from other cultures? What is challenging about that for you?
- Why might God have chosen a time when people from “every nation” were in Jerusalem to pour out the Spirit? What do we learn about God from this?
- Read Genesis 11:1-9. How might the events of Genesis 11 and Acts 2 relate? What does that teach us about God?
- What amazes you most about God in this chapter?
- What do we learn in this passage about God’s purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage?

APRIL 8-14

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 2:42-47 AND 4:32-37

- What was your most powerful experience of “the church being the church”?
- List together the things the church did in these passages. Which of these things do you see happening here at Hope Church? Which do you most long to see more of at Hope? How might the Lord lead you to be part of that growth?
- Where do you see Hope’s four “shapes” in these passages: receiving gospel grace, loving God, loving each other in the church, and loving the world?
- What do we learn in this passage about God’s purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage?
- Brainstorm ways that you as a group could minister to the people of Hope in some of these ways. Pick one and do it!

APRIL 15-21

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 3:1-26

- Have you ever seen someone healed in a miraculous way? Share it.
- Discuss what the lame man's life must have been like before this encounter, and then after. What is the biggest contrast between your life before knowing Jesus and your life since?
- What does Peter say will be the result if they repent? How have you experienced this in your own life? What's amazing about this, particularly in light of verse 15?
- What amazes you most about God in this chapter?
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage?

APRIL 22-28

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 4:1-31

- Have you ever been part of a group or mission trip where you were sharing your faith with strangers? If so, what did you appreciate about that? Is there anything you think you'd do differently today?
- How do you see boldness in the disciples in these verses, and where did that boldness come from? What, if anything, keeps you from being bolder about sharing your faith?
- What things would you ask for in prayer if you or your friends were put in jail or threatened by authorities? How did they pray? What is striking to you about that?
- What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter?
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage?

APRIL 29-MAY 5

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 5:12-42

- Anyone have a funny or interesting story related to an encounter with the law/police?
- What do we learn about the disciples in these verses, and what was the impact of their ministry?
- What do you think is God's heart for healing today (all kinds of healing: physical, emotional, spiritual)? What gives you that impression?
- The angel told the apostles to go into the temple and "speak to the people all the words of this Life" or "speak all about this Life." How would you describe this "Life"? What would be key parts of your message?
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage?

MAY 6-12

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 6:1-7

- What is one of the more humbling jobs or volunteer responsibilities you've had?
- What are the biggest cultural divides in the Church today? What are some steps we could take as a church family at Hope to overcome these? What could you do as a group? As an individual?
- Whom do you think might be "overlooked" at Hope Church today? What role might God want you to play to ensure that doesn't happen?
- What church roles are mentioned in this passage? What do you sense God wants your role to be at Hope Church right now (one of those or something else)? Is there a next step here?
- Some people say, "Just preach the gospel, and the rest will take care of itself." How does this passage challenge that mentality?
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?

MAY 13-19

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 6:8-8:1

- What is one of the most inspiring stories to you of someone who died for a cause? Why is that one so inspiring to you?
- What do we learn about Stephen in this passage? Which of these do you long to reflect more in your own life?
- List the verbs connected to God in this passage. What are all the things God did, and what does that teach us about Him? Which of these things is most meaningful to you today, and why?
- What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter? Write a brief prayer to Him about that.
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- What do you sense is one main thing that God wants to communicate to you or call you to do as a result of this passage?

MAY 20-26

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 8:2-40

- Share one turning point in your relationship with Jesus where you stepped into a deeper commitment to Him.
- What were the obstacles to the gospel in Samaria? What are the biggest obstacles to the gospel in our culture? Do you feel mostly hopeful or hopeless? Why?
- What development do you see in Simon's life over these verses? What did he get right, and what was he missing?
- Talk about someone in your life who doesn't yet know Jesus. What do they have right? What are they missing?
- Talk about a time when you felt a "nudge" from God to go somewhere or call someone. What happened? Is there anything you wish you'd done differently?
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people? What's a next step for you here?

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS 9:1-31

- Who is someone in your life who feels most unlikely to come to know Jesus? Why does it seem that way?
- What do we learn from these verses about Jesus and the way He works?
- What do we learn about Ananias in these verses? Why do you think God sent him, instead of just saying it directly to Saul like He did on the road to Damascus?
- What amazes you most about God and His work in this chapter?
- What do we learn in this passage about God's purpose for the Church, His locally gathered people?
- Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What does Paul say about his conversion in these verses?

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