

## 10-6-21 BREAK OUTS (Acts 1 & 2)

# Acts 1

### Acts 1:7-8

7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**How much does the “seasons” you go through personally affect the way you see your part of the body when it comes to being an active and vital part of what God is doing @ The Way?**

#### **Individually:**

**On a scale from 1-10 with 1 being I am not affected by my personal seasons and continue with the body regardless and 10 being I am on a spiritual roller coaster of highs and lows depending on how my life seasons are going.**

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#### **Group Discussion:**

**How can we as a church help each other to keep the ups and downs of life as the backdrop and the growth & health of the whole body as the foreground vision even though our individual struggles and seasons are very real?**

### Acts 1:15-16

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

#### **Individually:**

**Have you experienced church difficulties, drama, pain, loss, etc?**

Yes

No

**Have you seen this as a sign of the church being “poorly managed” or “part of church life” or “a combination of both”?**

**Circle One: “poorly managed” “part of church life” “a combination of both”?**

#### **Group Discussion:**

**Do you think you can do better than our leaders? Just kidding :)**

**How can we at The Way continue to grow and decrease the church drama but also prepare people for the fact that church drama will always exist because the church is and should be full of people who are in process?**

**Acts 1:21-22**

21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

**Individually:**

**Do you see yourself as a leader or potential leader?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Individually:**

**Have you participated in the courses offered at The Way? If not, why? If you have, how have you found them" courses to be?**

**Group Discussion:**

**How can we get more people who are truly witnesses because they've encountered Jesus to develop into leaders at home and in the church?**

## **Acts 2**

**Acts 2:1&4**

1 they were all with one accord in one place.  
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit

**Individually:**

**Can a church have differences of opinion and significant disagreements in Eldership, Ministry Leadership, or within the Congregation and still be in one accord and have unity?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Group Discussion:**

**Let's talk about one accord, unity and community and the idea of "ALL" being filled with the Holy Spirit and everyone reaching people in their own unique way/ language/style. Is that what we have at The Way? If so, why? If not, why?**

**Acts 2:18**

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

**Group Discussion:**

**How do we feel about prophetic voices being active and welcomed in the church?  
From members “approved” within The Way? Outside speakers and guests?  
Before, during, & after services?**

**Acts 2:36-38**

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Group Discussion:**

**Peter and the other Apostles were fisherman and regular working class men that were not traditionally trained ministers yet God used and developed them continuously. They eventually became full time ministers and church planters. There are clear benefits to having trained full time ministers but currently our Elders are marketplace or bi-vocational (they have regular full time jobs) Elders. Discuss the pros and cons and whether or not our Elders seem called & qualified? Does their status as not full time affect the way their direction and leadership is received? What are the long term goals of The Way for Elders employment and education etc?**

**Acts 2:41-47**

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**Group Discussion:**

**Which area below from this passage is the biggest challenge at The Way and which area is our greatest strength? What do we need to do to see more of this dynamic church life here at The Way?**

**End goal is adding to the church those who are being saved**

**Receive, believe, be baptized**

**Continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine**

**Fellowship & Eating**

**Praying**

**Empowered Elders and Leaders**

**Selling possessions and meeting needs of poor (tithe & offering)**