



SPIRIT MOVE

PART TWO

Acts.

Study Guide – Part 2

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How To Use This Connect Group Curriculum

The goal of connect group curriculum is to enable each person to be in the Bible for themselves and for the Bible to guide the group discussion.

Determine the various group roles the **week prior to group** so each person comes ready to contribute.

1. **Guide** – this person will facilitate the group discussion time.
2. **Servant** – bring the snack
3. **Connector (group leader)** – send a weekly email with any group reminders
4. **Contributors** – every person comes with their ‘My Time with Jesus’ reading and reflection done as well as review of the group discussion questions.
5. **Time Keeper** – keeps the group starting and stopping within the determined timeframe.
6. **Prayer Person** – leads the prayer time giving opportunity for sharing and each person to participate and be ministered to.

This Study has 3 parts.

1. **My Time with Jesus**

We will be reading through the book of ACTS as a church. Each week there are daily readings and an opportunity to reflect on the passage.

2. **My Time at Church**

This provides space for you to take sermon notes each week.

3. **My Time with my Group**

This section will lead your group through your meeting time and includes a Table Talk video.

'Table Talk' Video. This is a short video (approx. 5 min) where Pastor Jon and Pastor Lorie will interact around the passage of scripture being studied each week. It's a great kick-start to your discussion time and provides some additional insights to the sermon and the passage being studied. Video links are provided to the leaders each week.

All Sermons in this series can be found at www.c4church.com.

Week 8.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 8:1-25

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Day 1 - Acts 7:54-59; 8:1-3

Day 2 - Acts 8:4-8

Day 3 - Acts 8:9-13

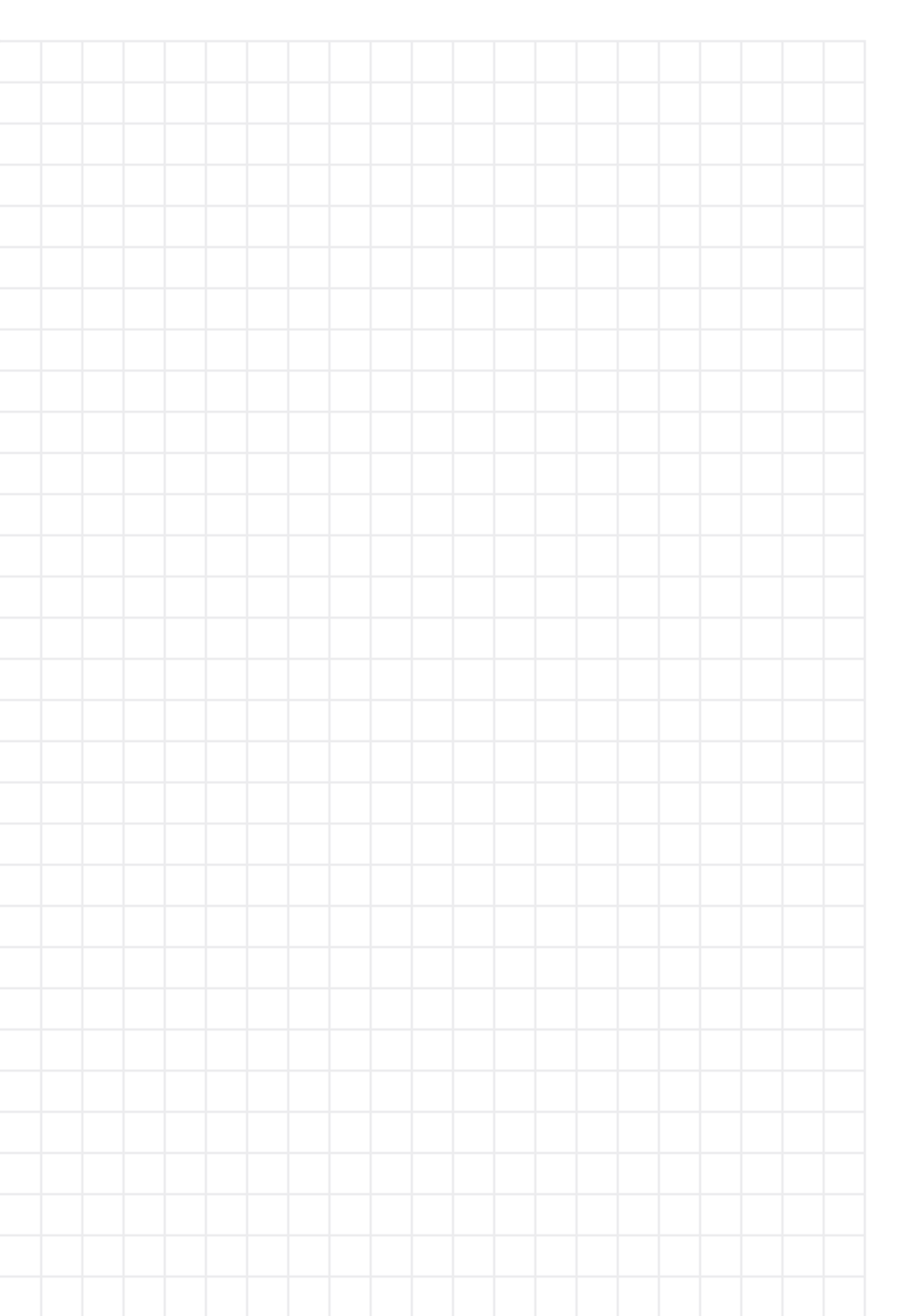
Day 4 - Acts 8:14-17

Day 5 - Acts 8:18-25

What was Jesus saying to me this week?

What am I doing about it?

My Time At Church - Sermon Notes



My Time With My Group

Focus

Philip proclaims the gospel and Simon the Sorcerer.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 8

Let's Talk

What's the best gift you ever received and why was it special?

Dig In - Read Acts 8:1-25

What did you learn this week in your time with Jesus? What stood out to you in this passage?

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

The persecuted church (v. 1-4) spread the gospel as the church was scattered. Where do we see this today? What does this mean for our own nation?

What's your response when you see a miraculous work of God? Is it joy, skepticism, confusion or mockery? Refer to v. 8.

What was this filling of the Holy Spirit in v. 15-16?

Does the supernatural scare you or intrigue you? How do you discern the difference between the power source behind the 'magic'?

What was the power source behind Simon's abilities prior to him coming to Christ? Read Matthew 24:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9.

Read Matthew 7:21-23. People can do supernatural things, even in the name of Jesus, and yet they are not doing the will of God. How do you know if you or others are doing the miraculous in alignment with the will of God?

Why was Peter seemingly harsh in his response to Simon's request to pay for supernatural power?

Notice Simon's response to Peter's rebuke in v. 24. How do you respond when you are corrected or rebuked? Hurt, angry or defensive or humbled?

Now What?

When did you start to experience your supernatural gifts, before your salvation or after? Are you willing to surrender your gifts afresh to Jesus?

The entire region (v. 14) of Samaria received the word of God. What would it look like if Durham region received the word of God unto salvation? Are you praying for this to be a reality?

Pray

Pray a prayer of self-examination from Psalm 139:23,24. Ask the Lord to examine your motives in serving Jesus and your desire for supernatural experiences or spiritual gifts.

Keep praying for the people on your list.

Week 9.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 8:26-40

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Day 1 - Acts 8:26-28

Day 2 - Acts 8:29-31

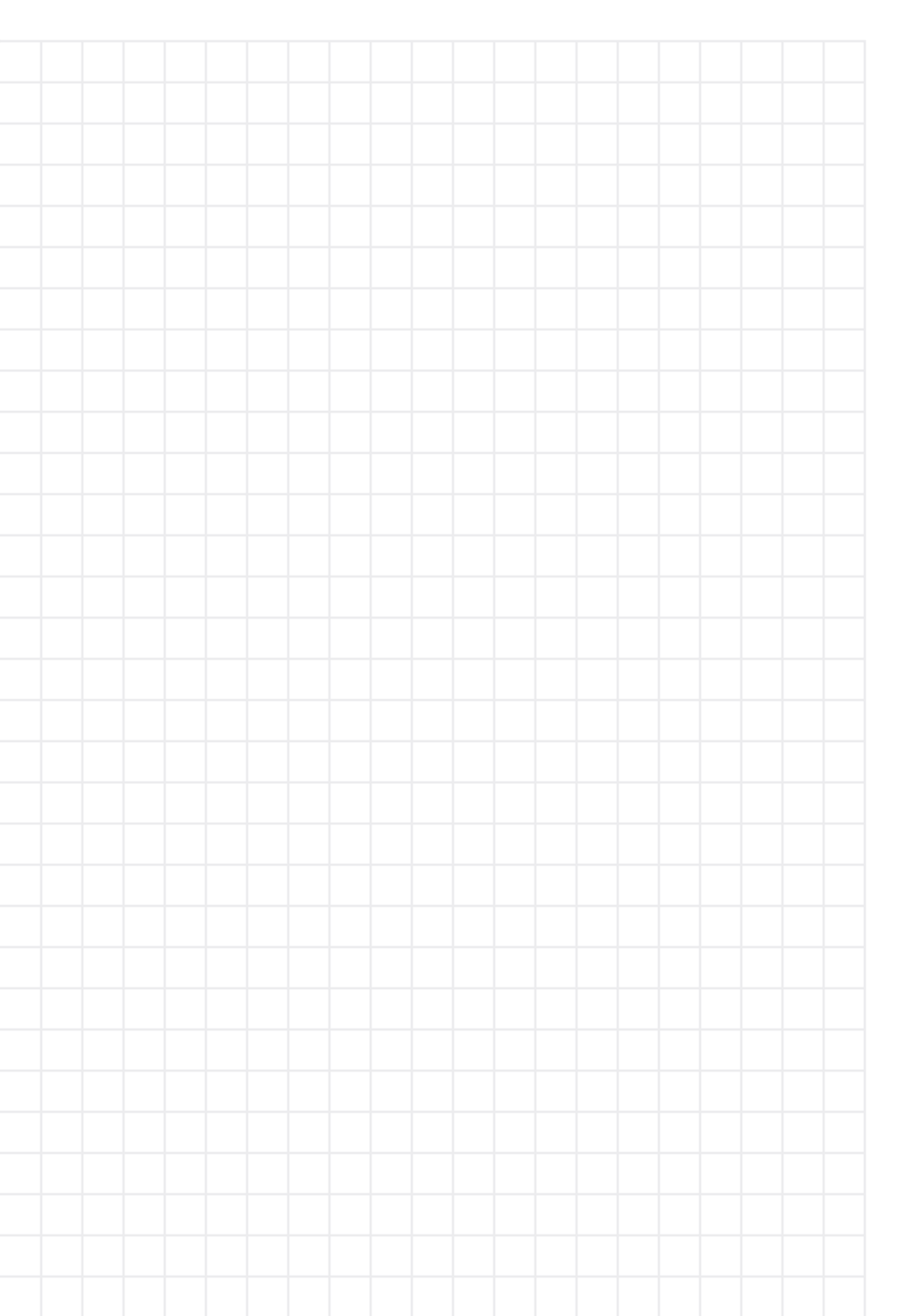
Day 3 - Acts 8:32-33

Day 4 - Acts 8:34-38

Day 5 - Acts 8:39-40

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What am I doing about it?

My Time At Church - Sermon Notes



My Time With My Group

Focus

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 9

Let's Talk

What's one of your most memorable places to travel to?

Have you been to Jerusalem? Would you like to go?

Dig In - Read Acts 8:26-40

What did you learn this week in your time with Jesus? What stood out to you in this passage?

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

How would you describe Philip's response to the Spirit's directive (v. 26, 27)? He has no details but 'he rose and went'. What does this tell us about him? What would you have done?

The Ethiopian was reading the scripture, even though he didn't understand it. He asked for Philip's help. What do you do when you cannot understand the scriptures? Do you ask others or just give up?

If someone asks you to explain the scripture, what is your response? Read 1 Peter 3:15-18. Are you ready to respond? Why or why not? What should our response look like?

If baptism is an immediate response to salvation as seen in v. 36 and also in Acts 2:37-42; Acts 16:25-33, why do we sometimes delay getting baptized? Are you baptized? Why or why not? What's holding you back?

How do you know when the Holy Spirit is speaking to you and giving you directions? When was the last time you obeyed the Spirit's prompting?

Phillip was obedient to what the Spirit was telling him. He didn't know what the outcome would be. Have you ever felt the Lord asking you to do something that didn't necessarily make sense, like talking to someone about the Bible? Did you obey? What was the outcome?

This Ethiopian had a high standard in government (v. 27). His decision to follow Christ would have affected many. What is your sphere of influence? How are you using that to impact people for Christ?

Now What?

As a group read v. 32-33 and then come up with how you would use those verses to point someone to Christ.

Have you retired from sharing your faith? Notice Philip's continued preaching in verse 40.

Pray

Pray that you would always be quick to obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit and leave the outcome to him.

Keep praying for the people on your list.

Week 10.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 9

My Time With Jesus This Week

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Day 1 - Acts 9:1-19

Day 2 - Acts 9:20-25

Day 3 - Acts 9:26-31

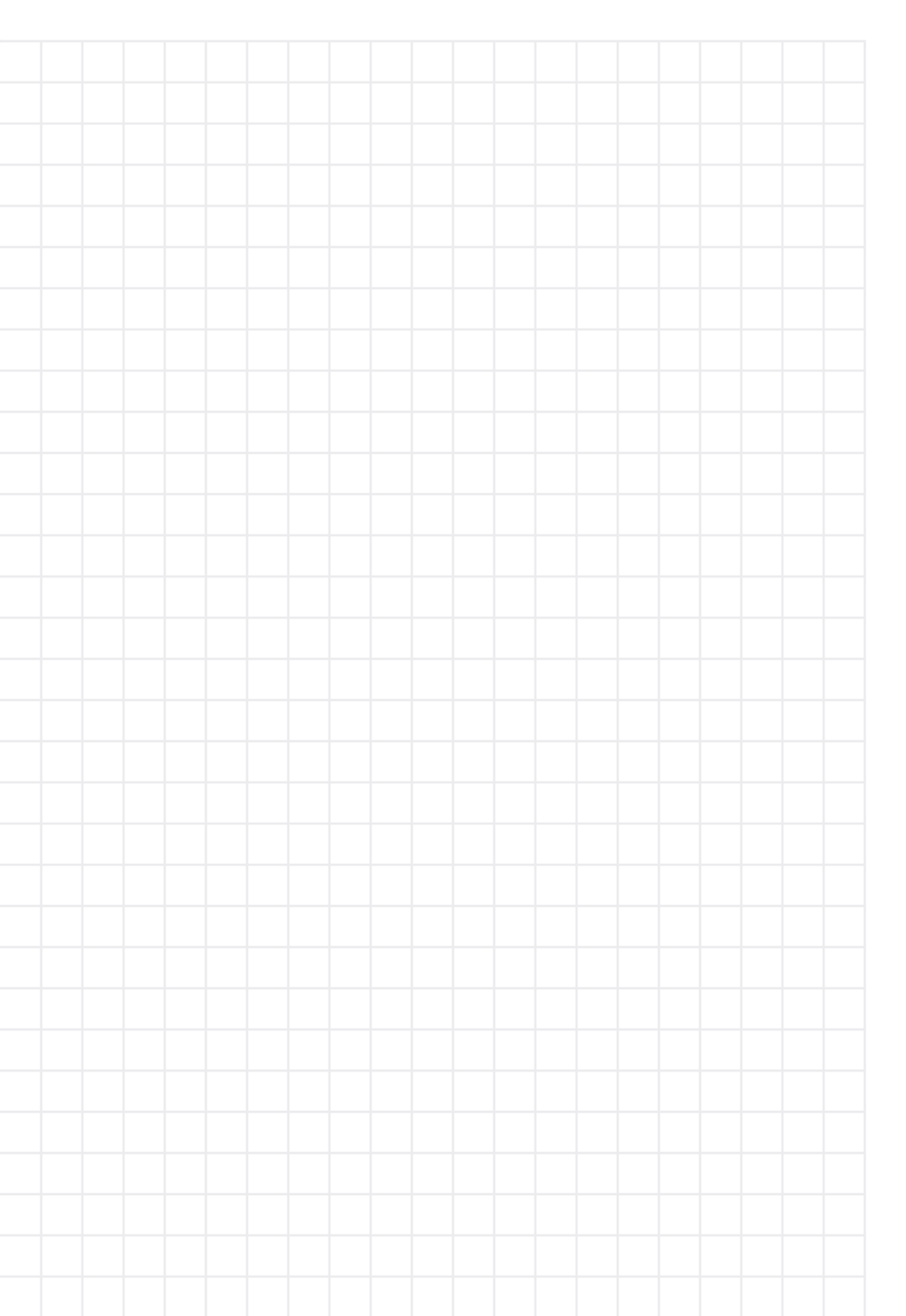
Day 4 - Acts 9:32-35

Day 5 - Acts 9:36-43

What was Jesus saying to me this week?

What am I doing about it?

My Time At Church - Sermon Notes



My Time With My Group

Focus

Saul's conversion to Christianity.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 10

Let's Talk

Have you ever had a 'wake up call' in your life? What happened?

What is your response today to people all over the road that are being persecuted for Christ?

Dig In - Read Acts 9:1-19

What did you learn this week in your time with Jesus? What stood out to you in this passage?

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

Why was Saul's response "Lord" when he saw Christ on the road?
How did he know it was Jesus?

Why do you think God blinded him for three days?

Look at Ananias' response in v. 10 to the Holy Spirit. What does this say about him? What would you have done?

Look at Ananias' response to who Paul was in v. 13,14. Have you looked at others and thought that their lives are so sinful that they'd never come to Christ or Jesus could never use them for great things?

Do you have a sinful past that may also make you feel unworthy for Christ to use you in a great way? What hope does this bring you?

Look at how Ananias addressed Saul when he first met him in v. 17. What does this show about his heart change? Are you open to the Lord changing your heart towards people that may now be your enemy?

Paul had to wait for the Holy Spirit's filling through the laying on of hands. Why was this the case?

Now What?

Our heart change towards people could release the gospel to many others beyond our sphere. How does your heart need to change?

Ask the Lord who he wants you to forgive and go minister to. How will you respond?

Pray

Lord, change our hearts towards those that are our enemies and those that we don't like or trust.

Keep praying for the people on your list.

Week 11.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 10 & 11

My Time With Jesus This Week

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Day 1 - Acts 10:1-16

Day 2 - Acts 10:17-33

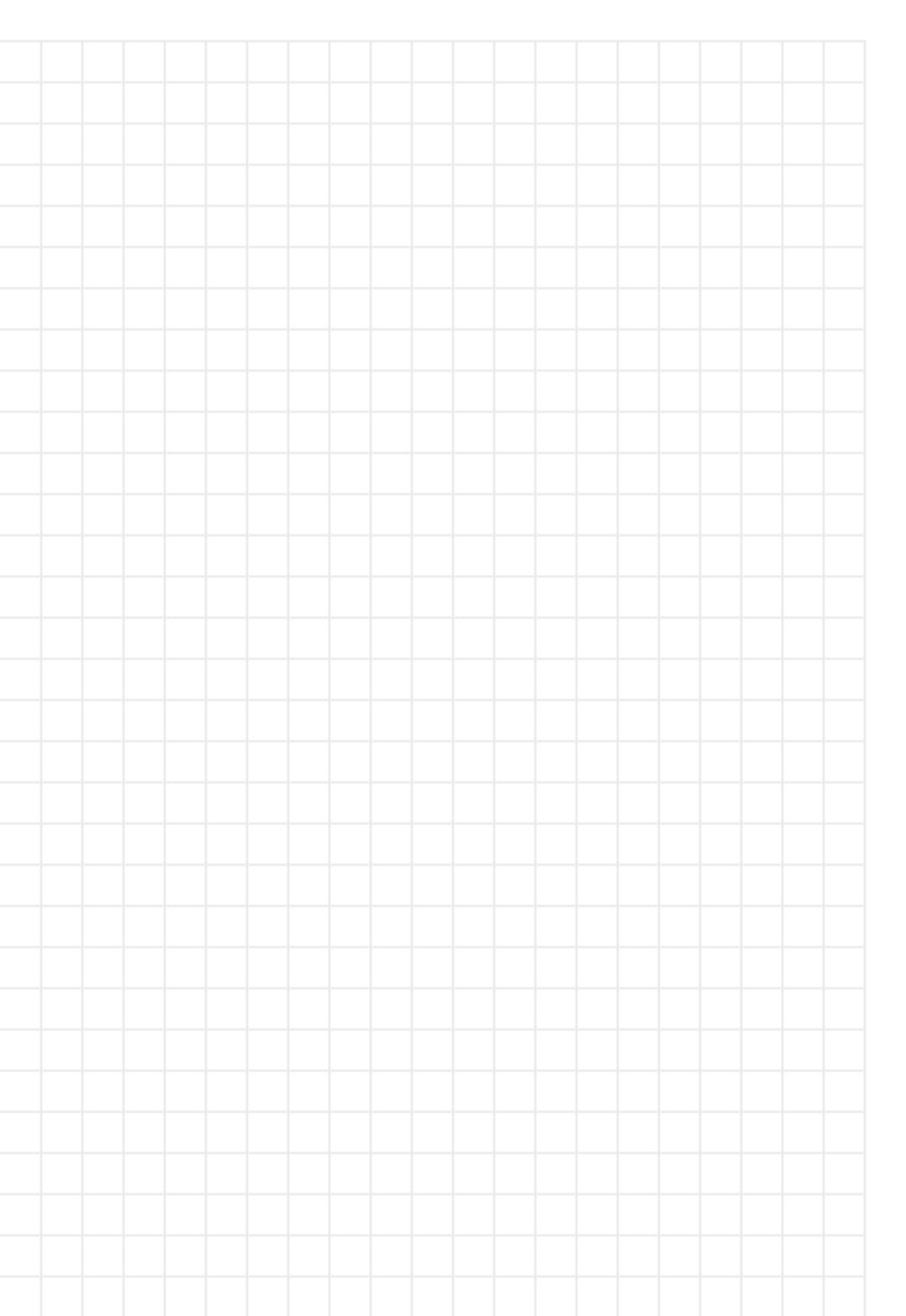
Day 3 - Acts 10:34-48

Day 4 - Acts 11:1-18

Day 5 - Acts 11:19-30

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What am I doing about it?

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My Time With My Group

Focus

Two people – two visions.

View ‘Table Talk’ Video Week 11

Let’s Talk

Are there certain foods that you won’t eat and why?

When you were growing up did you ever feel like your parents had a favourite child? How did that play out in your family?

Dig In – Read Acts 10:1-48

What did you learn this week in your time with Jesus?

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

What stood out to you in this amazing story?

What do you notice about how hospitality is demonstrated in this story? Do you easily invite people, including strangers into your home? Why or why not?

God speaks to us in different ways, visions, dreams, scripture, miracles, worship. How does the Holy Spirit speak to you? (See Leader Resources on C4’s Connect Group webpage for Sacred Pathway resource. Share your top sacred pathway’s with your group.)

In v. 28, 29 Peter's theology was blown apart regarding who the gospel was for. Has your theology, or ideas about what it looks like to follow Christ been challenged, changed or blown apart? What did that look like for you?

Read Galatians 3:28 and James 2:1-9. What is so dangerous about showing favoritism?

Read Romans 10:9-13; Galatians 2:6-8. What do these verses tell us about how the gospel breaks down any barriers? (race, religion, socio-economic status, sexuality, gender)

Read Acts 10: 24, 33, 44. What happens when hearts are open to hearing from the Holy Spirit? How receptive are you to hearing from the Holy Spirit and what's your response to what you hear?

Now What?

Durham is very multi-cultural. How are you breaking down any cultural barriers in order to share the gospel?

People can seek God but they need someone to show them the way. Romans 10:14,15. With whom are you sharing the gospel?

Pray

Ask the Lord to remove any barriers to you sharing the gospel.

Week 12.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 12

My Time With Jesus This Week

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Day 2 - Acts 12:5-10

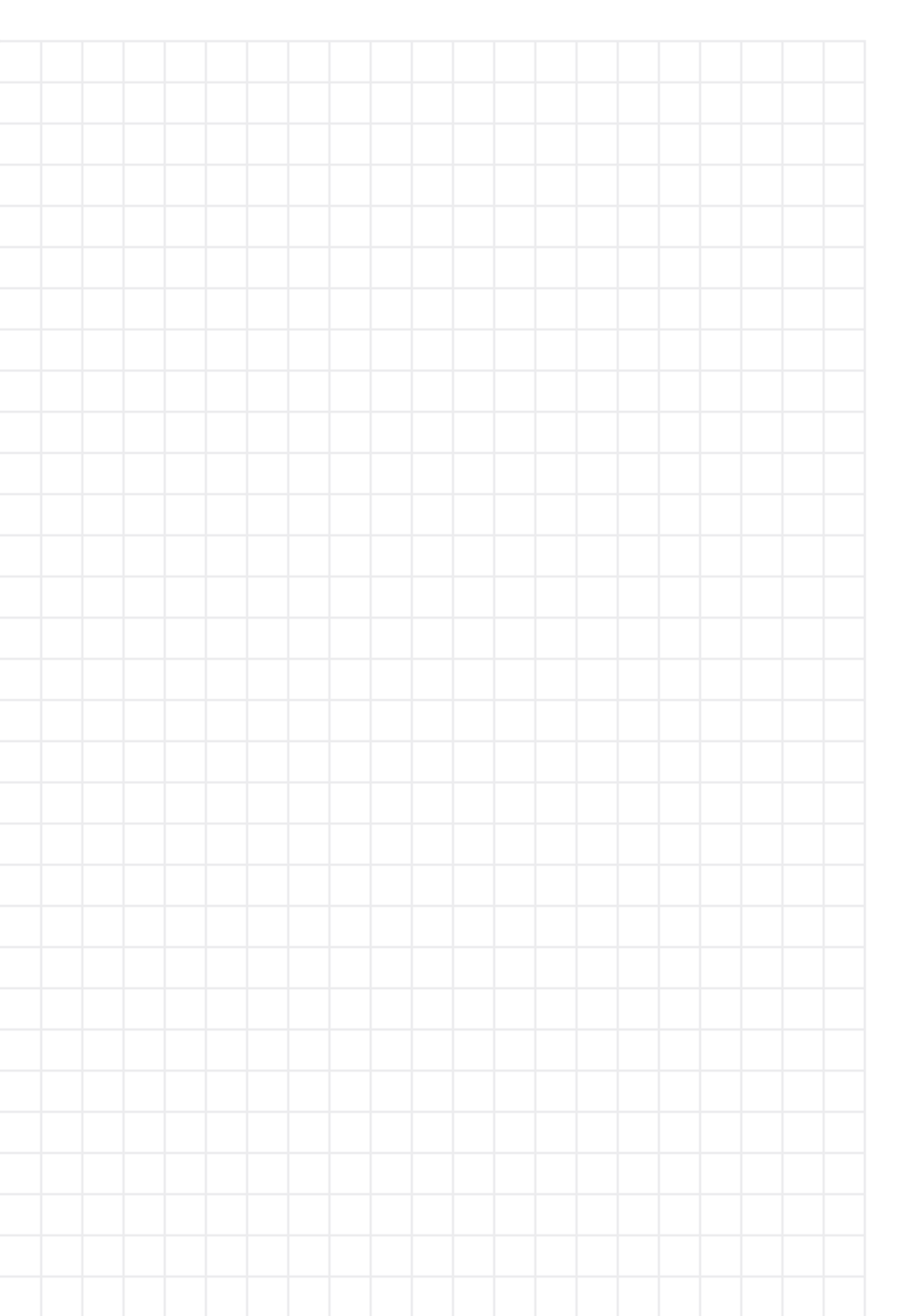
Day 3 - Acts 12:11-17

Day 4 - Acts 12:18-20

Day 5 - Acts 12:21-25

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My Time With My Group

Focus

James is martyred. Peter is set free.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 12

Let's Talk

What's one of your favourite adventure movies?

Share a time when you gave into negative peer pressure and what happened.

Dig In – Read Acts 12:1-25

What did you learn this week in your time with Jesus?

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

What's your reaction to the death, most likely be-heading, of James by Herod?

Do you struggle with the fact that James was martyred yet Peter is set free?

What questions does that raise for you? Look at Jesus' words in Matthew 10:16-26.

Imagine being Peter in the jail cell. How would you have responded to the angel?

What was the role of the angel in this story? What are some of the roles of angels in the following verses? Hebrews 1:14; Matthew 18:10;

Psalms 91:11; Luke 1:26,30-31.

Do you believe that angels still operate in these ways today? Have you ever encountered an angel?

Has the Lord ever rescued you out of spiritual, emotional or mental bondage? What happened?

v. 12-16. What might have been your response if you were the one answering the door in the prayer group and Peter was standing there?

v. 5, 13-16. How often do we pray not really believing that God will answer? Was there a time when you were shocked that your prayer was answered so quickly and specifically? What happened?

v. 21-23. How did God deal with Herod?

In what ways might we take the credit for what God has done? Why is it so serious that we do not steal God's glory?

Now What?

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about from this story? What is your response?

Pray

Keep praying for salvation of the people on your list from week one. Has there been an opportunity to share the gospel with them?

Pray for those around the world that suffer for the sake of the gospel even unto death.

Week 13.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 13 & 14

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Day 1 - Acts 13:1-12

Day 2 - Acts 13:13-43

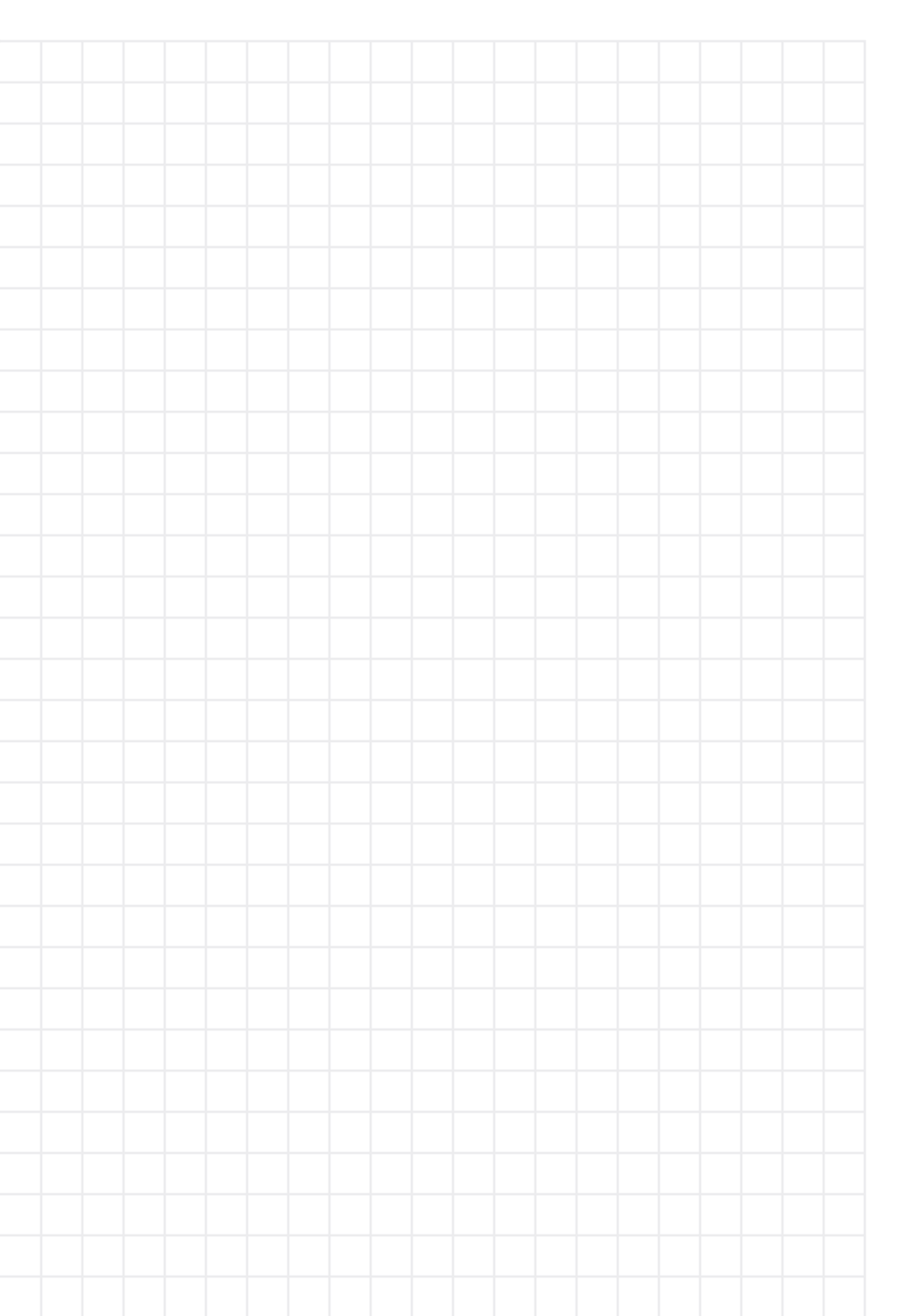
Day 3 - Acts 13:44-52

Day 4 - Acts 14:1-18

Day 5 - Acts 14:19-28

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What am I doing about it?

My Time At Church - Sermon Notes



My Time With My Group

Focus

Discernment of calling happens in Christian community.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 13

Let's Talk

When you think about missions and missionaries what comes to mind?

Have you ever been on a mission trip? Where did you go?

Dig In – Read Acts 13:1-12

What did you learn this week in your time with Jesus?

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about from this story?

v. 2. How does worshipping, fasting and praying ready us to hear from the Holy Spirit? Share what that looks like in your life.

What opportunities are there in your group to pray and fast regarding a member of your group and sending them out to do what God has called them to do?

How do you know the difference between a false prophet and a real prophet?

How do you feel about Paul's response in v. 9-11?

Read Matthew 7:21-23. Notice the power source behind the miracles. Discuss true and false disciples. How can you discern the difference?

What do you do when people from within the church and outside of the church oppose you as you are seeking to serve Christ?

God uses miracles to bring people to Christ. Why did God allow Paul to inflict a curse of blindness on the magician?

Now What?

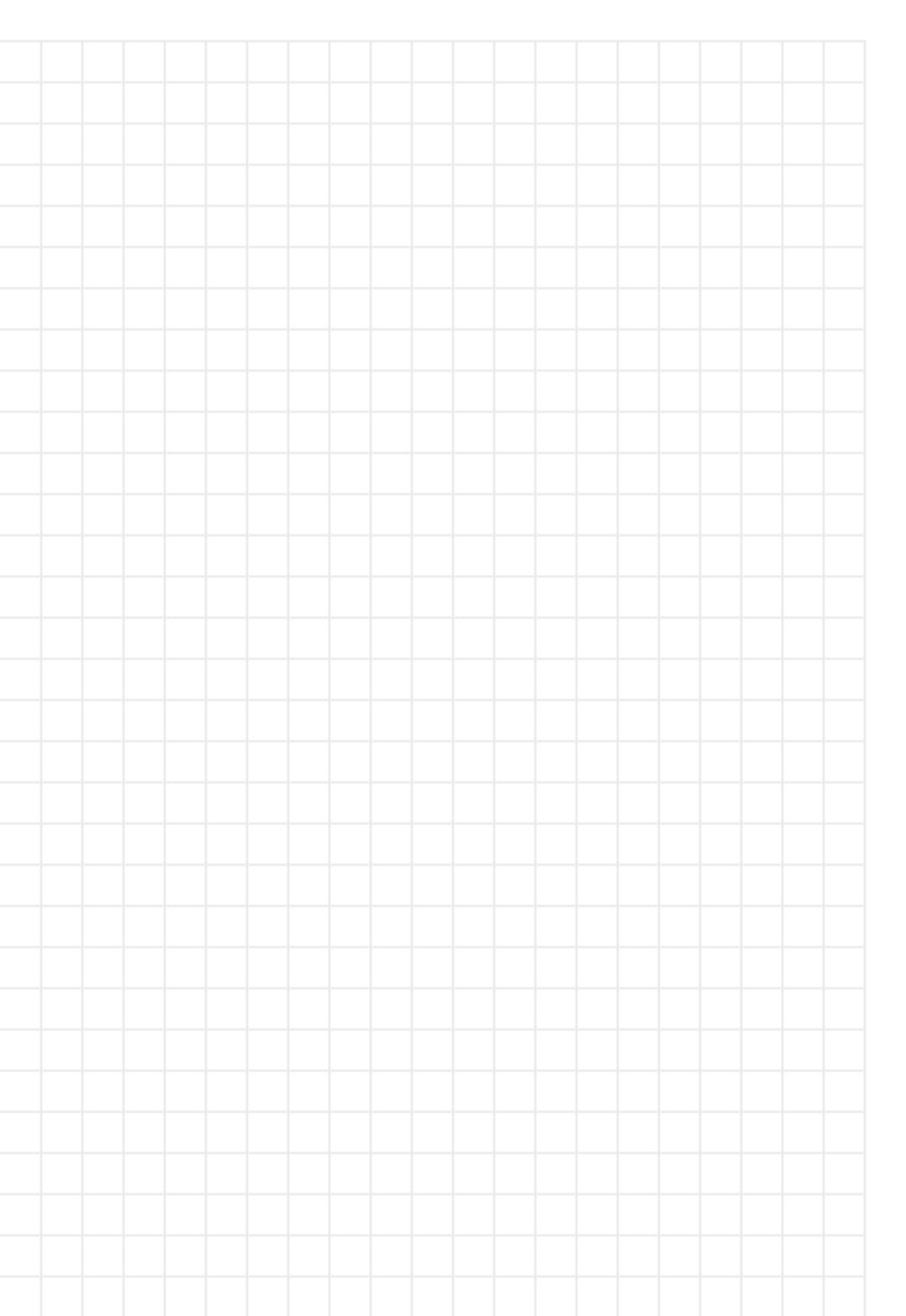
How has this series in the book of Acts impacted you? Look back in your study guide and share a few of the insights or lessons that the Lord has used in your life.

Pray

What miracle are you asking God for?

Thank God for the ways he is working this week.

Notes





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