



SPIRIT MOVE

Acts.

Study Guide – Part 1

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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.

Week 1.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 1:1-26, 2:1-13

My Time With Jesus This Week

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Read each passage slowly a few times using a variety of translations.

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Express thankfulness?
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Day 1 - Acts 1:1-8

Day 2 - Acts 1:9-14

Day 3 - Acts 1:15-26

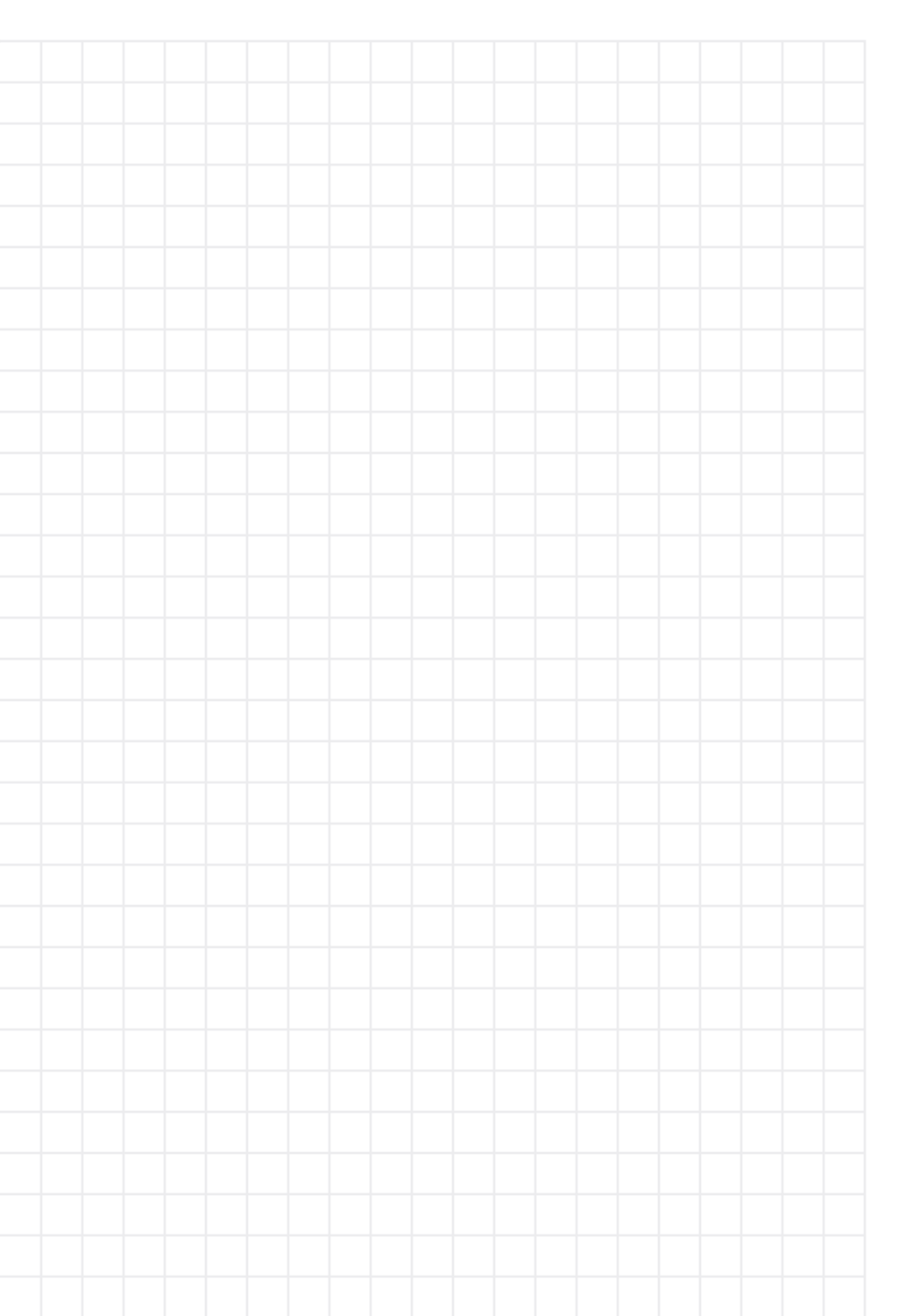
Day 4 - Acts 2:1-4

Day 5 - Acts 2:5-13

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

Christ commands and empowers His followers to be His witnesses.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 1

Let's Talk

Up to this point in your life, what have you had to work the hardest at waiting for? (engagement, degree, promotion, children, etc.)

How did you handle, or how are you handling, the waiting process?

Dig In – Read Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-13

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

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

In your own words, what was Jesus' mission? Read Luke 19:10 for insight.

What was Jesus' purpose during the forty days after His resurrection? What does that have to do with us 2,000 years later?

What value, if any, might there have been in having the disciples wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit? Why did God not immediately send the Holy Spirit in Jesus' place?

According to Jesus in verse 8, what purpose does the power of the Holy Spirit serve? When was the last time you recognized this

power as a gift?

What does it mean to be Jesus' witness? How are you a witness in your life in actions and in words?

According to Acts 2:2-4, what three things happened when the Holy Spirit was first given?

The Jews witnessed the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15-16). How did they respond? (2:5-12)

Now What?

What's your response to the sermon application?

What is your response to the Holy Spirit? Do you talk to Him? Do you ask for His power? If not, why not? What's hindering you from living in His power?

How does He help you in your everyday life as you follow Jesus?

Pray

Every member of your group add a name to a prayer list.

Pray as a group and individually every week for their salvation.

Look for opportunities to share the gospel with them.

Ask for the filling of the Holy Spirit. Welcome the Holy Spirit to fill your mind, body, emotions and will. Then expect Him to show up!

Pray for one another according to what Jesus is asking of them in their time with Him this week.

Week 2.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 2:14-41

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Day 1 - Acts 2:13-21

Day 2 - Acts 2:22-28

Day 3 - Acts 2:29-35

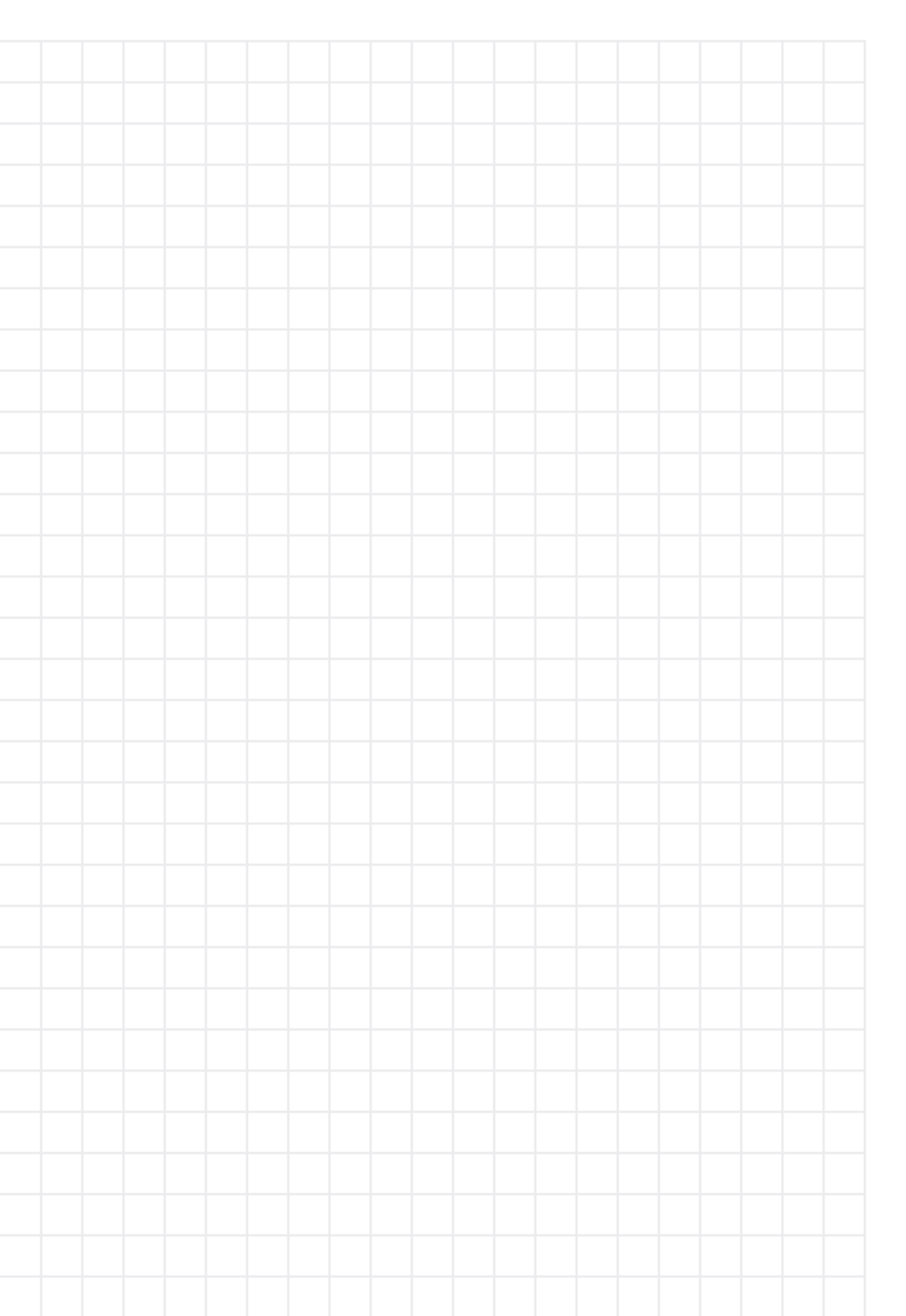
Day 4 - Acts 2:36-39

Day 5 - Acts 2:40-41

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

Jesus is the central focus of the gospel, and He should be the focus of all our evangelistic efforts.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 2

Let's Talk

Which of the following do you most enjoy in a good sermon: humor, personal illustration, practical steps, passionate delivery or other? Why?

If you were to emphasize one central truth about the gospel when sharing it with others, what would it be? Why?

Dig In - Read Acts 2:14-41

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

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

vv. 14-21 The same Peter who had denied Christ in an effort to protect his reputation now jumped to defend Jesus. Now, Peter didn't really care what people thought about him; he cared only that they knew Jesus. How does it change the way we talk about Jesus if we are worried about our reputation or not?

Look closely at the main points in Peter's sermon. Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus had been fulfilled in him (14-21). Jesus is the Messiah (25-36). The risen Christ could change their lives (37-40). Why is it important that we know this about Jesus? What difference does this make in our worship and our witness?

What were the conflicting opinions about Jesus that Peter would have been confronting with his testimony? What are the conflicting opinions about Jesus now?

Why does our faith and our credibility rest on the truth of the empty tomb and the resurrection of Christ? See 1 Corinthians 15.

Look at the response to Peter's sermon in v. 37 and Peter's answer in v. 38. Have you experienced a time when God's Word either read or preached 'pierced your heart'? Was your response repentance? How would you describe what repentance looks like?

Now What?

What steps can we take to keep Christ at the center of all our conversations when sharing the gospel message?

Do you know how to explain the gospel to someone? Practice in your connect group explaining the gospel.

Need help? Watch Pastor Lorie's sermon from Sunday July 17th, 2016. Sign up for C4's Connect Class One Day, Saturday October 22nd, and take our Gospel Conversations class.

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?

Ask the Lord to overwhelm you with the truth of the gospel.

Ask Jesus to set up opportunities to share the gospel with someone soon.

Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare people's hearts to receive the truth of the gospel and to respond with true repentance.

Week 3.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Act 2:43-47

My Time With Jesus This Week

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you.

Read each passage slowly a few times using a variety of translations.

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Day 1 - Acts 2:41-43

Day 2 - Acts 2:44-47

Day 3 - Acts 4:32-36

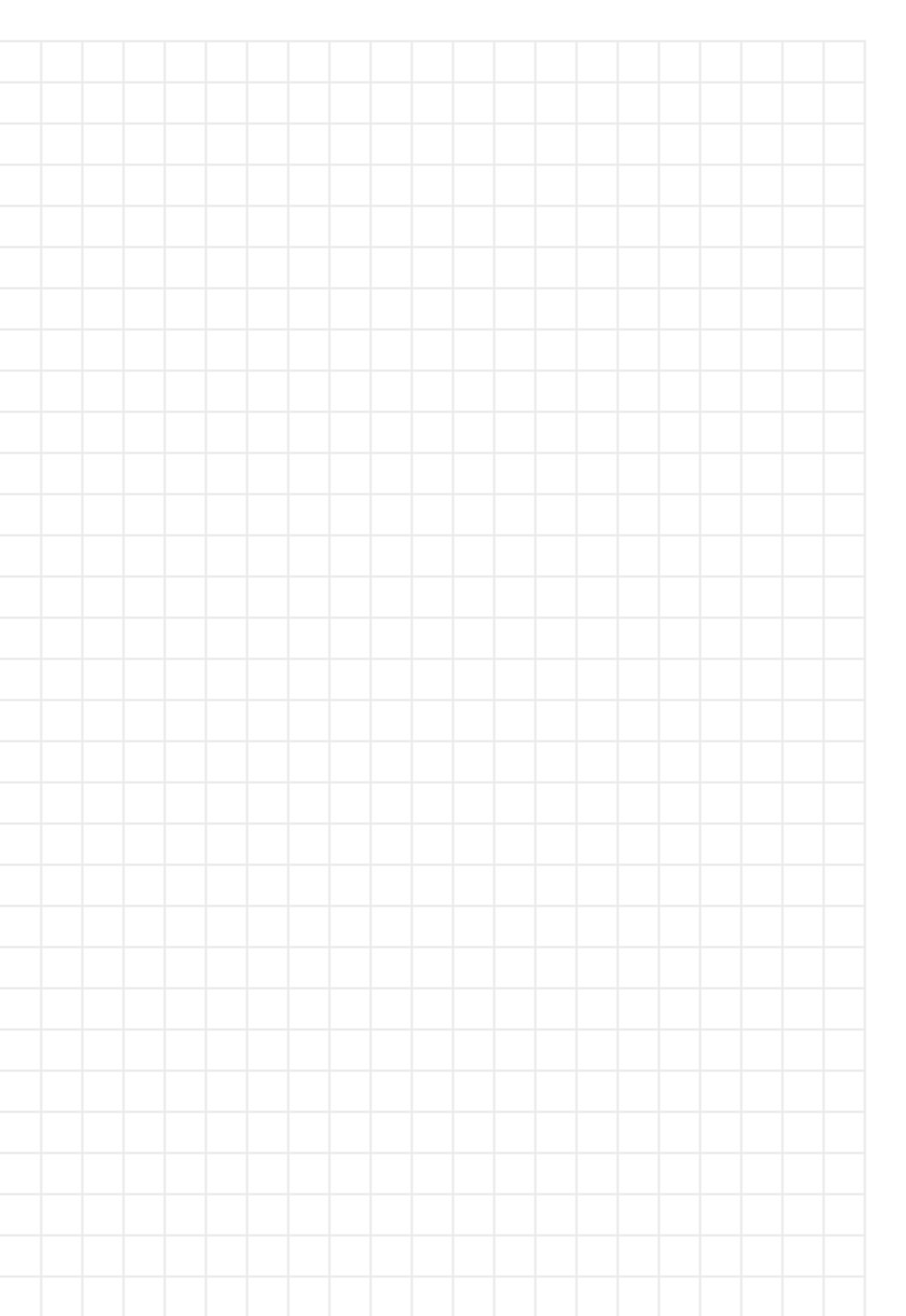
Day 4 - Ephesians 4:1-16

Day 5 - 1 Cor. 12:12-31

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

Believers formed a community that changed the world.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 3

Let's Talk

What do you love to do when you hang out with a group of people?

Have you ever seen a miracle of God? What was it?

Dig In - Read Acts 2:42-47

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

How did the sermon inform your understanding of this passage?

Describe what the early church looked like from this passage.

From these aspects of being part of a church: biblical teaching, fellowship, eating together, prayer, generosity, worship and communion, which do you enjoy and which do you want more of?

Notice that everyone participated in all aspects of the church, regardless of what spiritual gift they might have. Have you ever used the excuse, 'that's not my gift so not my problem'? What's the challenge with that?

The church is supposed to look different from the world as described here. Does your life look different than the world around you? In what way? Or if not, why not?

Verses 44-45 describe people selling their stuff and sharing everything together. How would we work that out in our culture today?

Verse 47 tells us that the Lord added to their number every day! Why do you think this was so? Why don't we see this today? Or do we? What's missing?

What would it look like for us to worship together every day in our culture? How would that affect how we talk and what we do together?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. How does this describe how the church, the body of believers, is to work?

Now What?

What is the Lord asking you to do? Do you need an attitude change? Do you need to take some action? Do you need to repent of something?

Go back to the Spiritual Health Assessment you did in September. How are you doing in the area of growth that you set some goals for?

How can you be in fellowship with other believers this week? Plan it and put it on your calendar.

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?

What miracle are you asking for?

Thank God for the ways He is working this week.

Week 4.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 3

My Time With Jesus This Week

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you.

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Day 1 - Acts 3:1-10

Day 2 - Acts 3:11-16

Day 3 - Acts 3:17-20

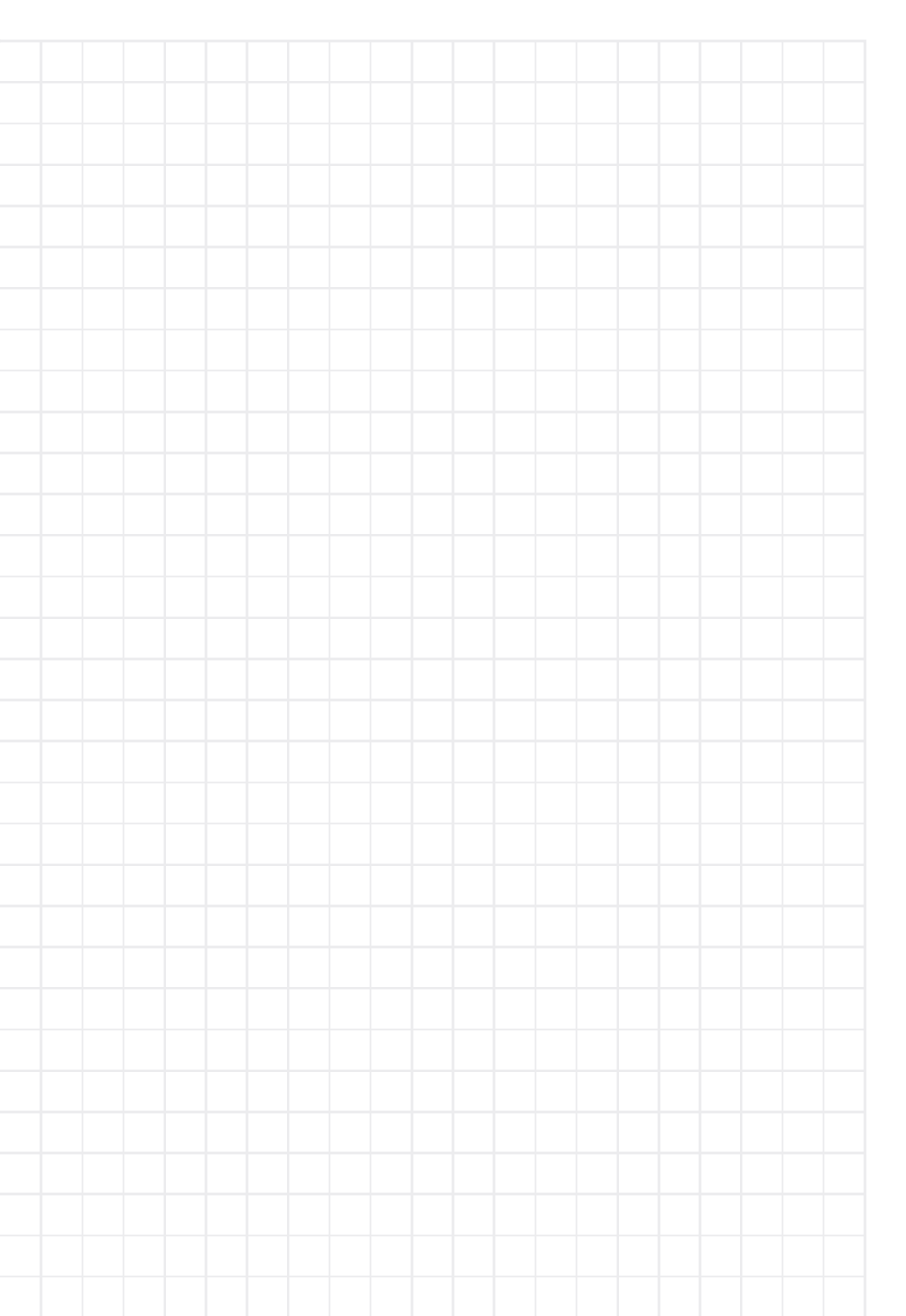
Day 4 - Acts 3:21-23

Day 5 - Acts 3:24-26

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What am I doing about it?

My Time At Church - Sermon Notes



My Time With My Group

Focus

The power of Jesus to heal and bring salvation.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 4

Let's Talk

Have you ever seen anyone physically healed? Describe what happened.

Dig In - Read Acts 3

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?

What does this passage say about the power of Jesus?

Devout Jews and believing Gentiles prayed 3 times a day (9 am, 3 pm & sunset). They prayed publicly at the temple. How does this challenge your practice of prayer?

Do we take advantage of evangelism opportunities by sharing the stories of Christ and His power with others? Describe a time when you or someone else did this.

Peter's sermon refers to how Jesus fulfills all the prophecies and scriptures of the Old Testament. Why does this matter?

What do you think would be the variety of responses from the

crowd to Peter's sermon?

Peter calls them to repentance in v. 19 so that 'times of refreshment would come'. It can be difficult to break sinful habits. Look at Hosea 6:3. Do you need to be refreshed?

Now What?

Peter and John's life were transformed by Jesus. How has your life been transformed by Jesus?

What miracle are you asking God for? Are you believing He can do it? What is He saying to you in regard to what you're asking?

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 the faith and courage to ask God to do physical, emotional, relational or spiritual healing in your life and in the life of another person.

Week 5.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Act 4:1-22

My Time With Jesus This Week

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you.

Read each passage slowly a few times using a variety of translations.

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Day 1 - Acts 4:1-4

Day 2 - Acts 4:5-12

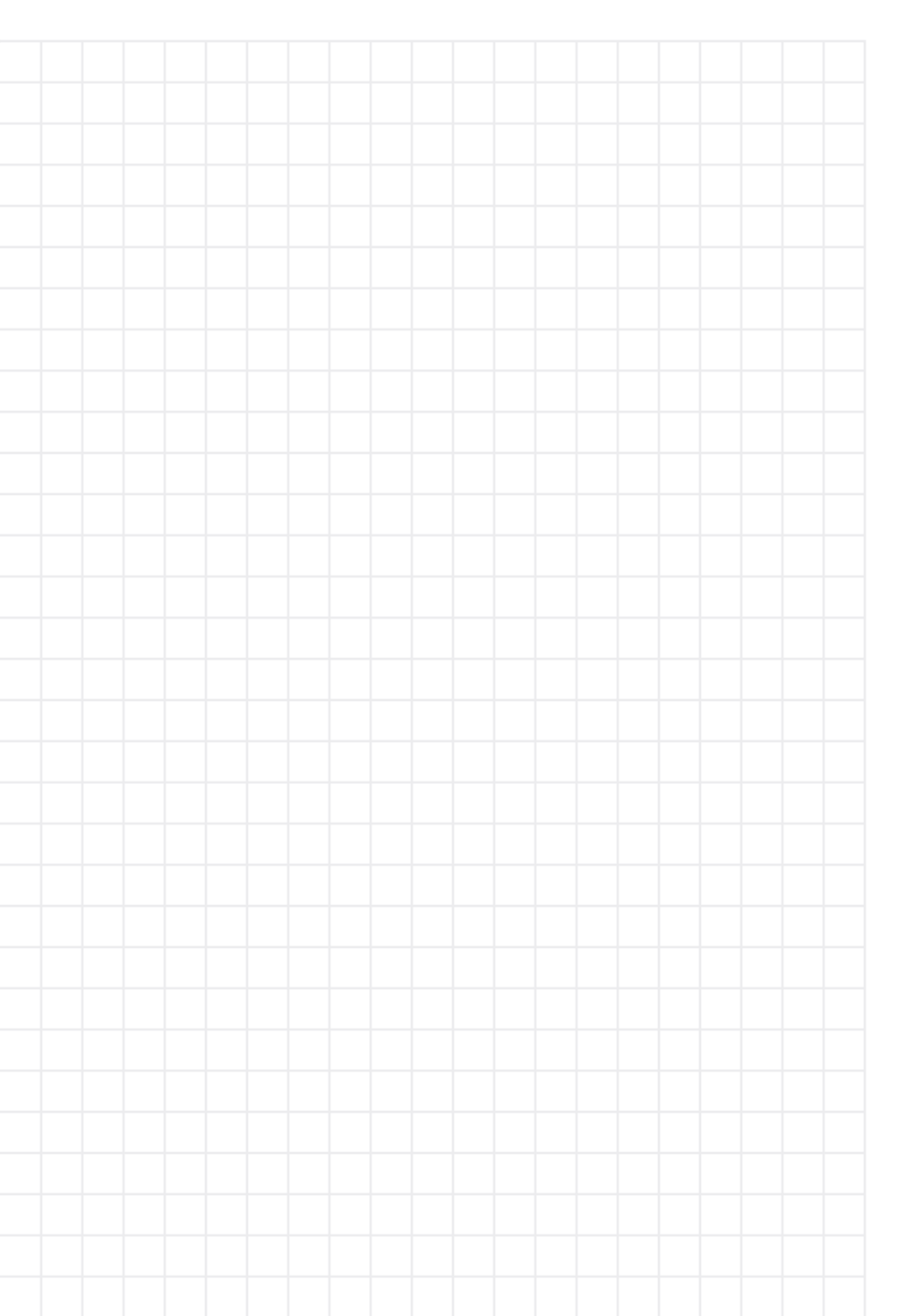
Day 3 - Acts 4:13-15

Day 4 - Acts 4:16-18

Day 5 - Acts 4:19-22

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

The boldness of Peter and John and the power of Christ.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 5

Let's Talk

What's the most out of the ordinary thing about yourself, or the most out of the ordinary thing that has happened to you, that we may not know about?

Have you ever had to stand up in a court of law and defend yourself or receive a judgment? How did that make you feel?

Dig In – Read Acts 4:1-22

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?

Do you ever feel ordinary and that God can't use you?

What does Ephesians 1:3-14 say about who you are as a child of God? List all the descriptions.

Who do you identify with in this passage?

What was the significance of the question the council asked Peter and John in verse 7? Have you ever felt like you didn't have the authority to share the gospel because of a lack of education or position?

Do people in our region know that Jesus has healed people and

delivered people of demons? What would happen if verse 16 were true for us today?

Have you ever had an experience where you have felt that the Holy Spirit is speaking through you? Describe what that is like. How can you be sure it was the Holy Spirit? (refer to Jon's sermon September 18, 2016)

Seldom, if we share the gospel, will we be thrown into jail or taken to court. What are you willing to risk to share the gospel with others? Your reputation? Being uncomfortable? Etc.

Why is it important that people recognize the authority and lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation or miracles? See verses 3:6,7 and 3:12-26.

Have you seen miracles or salvation in the people you are praying for?

Now What?

Take some time this week to thank God for what He is doing in your life, our church and our region.

How would you spend your time differently if you truly believed God wants to work through you in extraordinary ways? What would you change about your priorities?

How is the Lord taking you out of your comfort zone?

Pray

Keep praying for the people on your list.

Thank God for any signs or miracles that He is doing.

Ask for opportunities from the Lord so that you can share your faith or explain the gospel to another.

Week 6.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 4:23-36

My Time With Jesus This Week

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Read each passage slowly a few times using a variety of translations.

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Respond to the passage. **How should it change me?**

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Day 1 - Acts 4:23-31

Day 2 - Acts 4:23-31 (again)

Day 3 - Acts 4:32-36

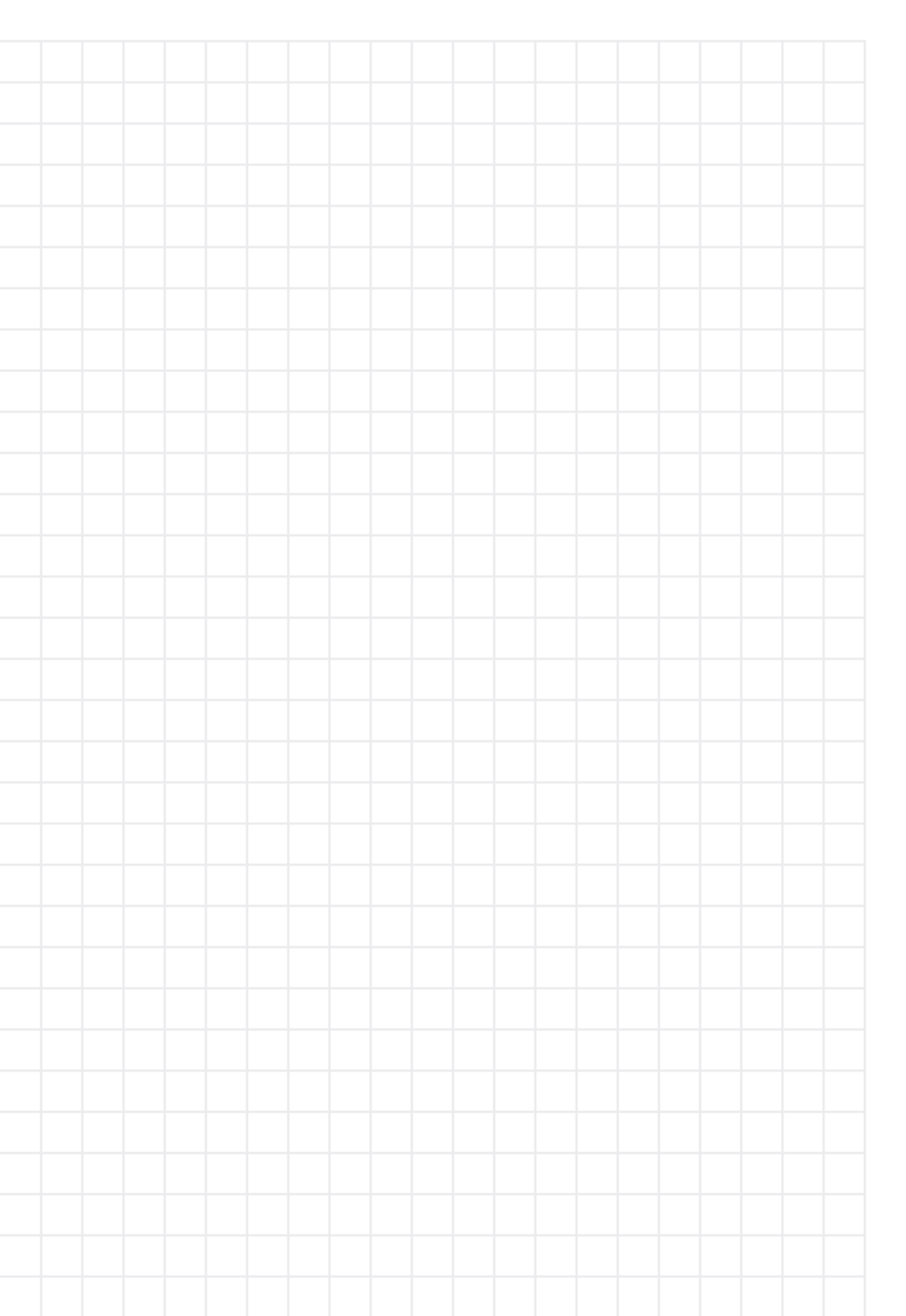
Day 4 - Ephesians 4:1-16

Day 5 - 1 Cor. 12:12-31

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What am I doing about it?

My Time At Church - Sermon Notes



My Time With My Group

Focus

The boldness of Peter and John and the power of Christ.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 6

Let's Talk

What is the biggest answer to prayer you've personally experienced? What did that answer do for your prayer life? For your faith?

Have you ever prayed for courage? What happened?

Do you expect God to answer your prayers? Why or why not?

Dig In - Read Acts 4:23-36

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?

Describe what was happening to the people in this passage in the way they lived their life.

What was this body of believers marked by? Who noticed?

Take a close look at the prayer in verses 24-30. Describe the structure of this prayer. Look at the result in v. 31.

What is typically your first response to a crisis situation? Is your

response similar to the one described in the Scripture passage or would it be different? Why?

What does complete boldness look like? Who do you know that most closely fits this description? How do you think they became that way?

What does it look like to be bold in this passage? What shackles of fear need to be broken in your life to become bold for Jesus in your speech and actions?

Besides sharing our faith with others, in what situations might we act boldly for God? Is the Lord asking you step out in a new way? To serve, use your home, engage with your community or neighbours in a new way?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this passage?

Now What?

How's your prayer life? Are you willing to pray like these people? Will you ask for boldness this week?

What is God asking of you from this passage? What's your response?

Pray

Keep praying for the names on your list. Thank God for what He is doing, even if you can't see it.

Ask God for boldness this week.

Ask God to take you out of your comfort zone.

Week 7.

Reading through the book of Acts this week: Acts 5

My Time With Jesus This Week

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Day 1 - Acts 5:1-11

Day 2 - Acts 5:12-16

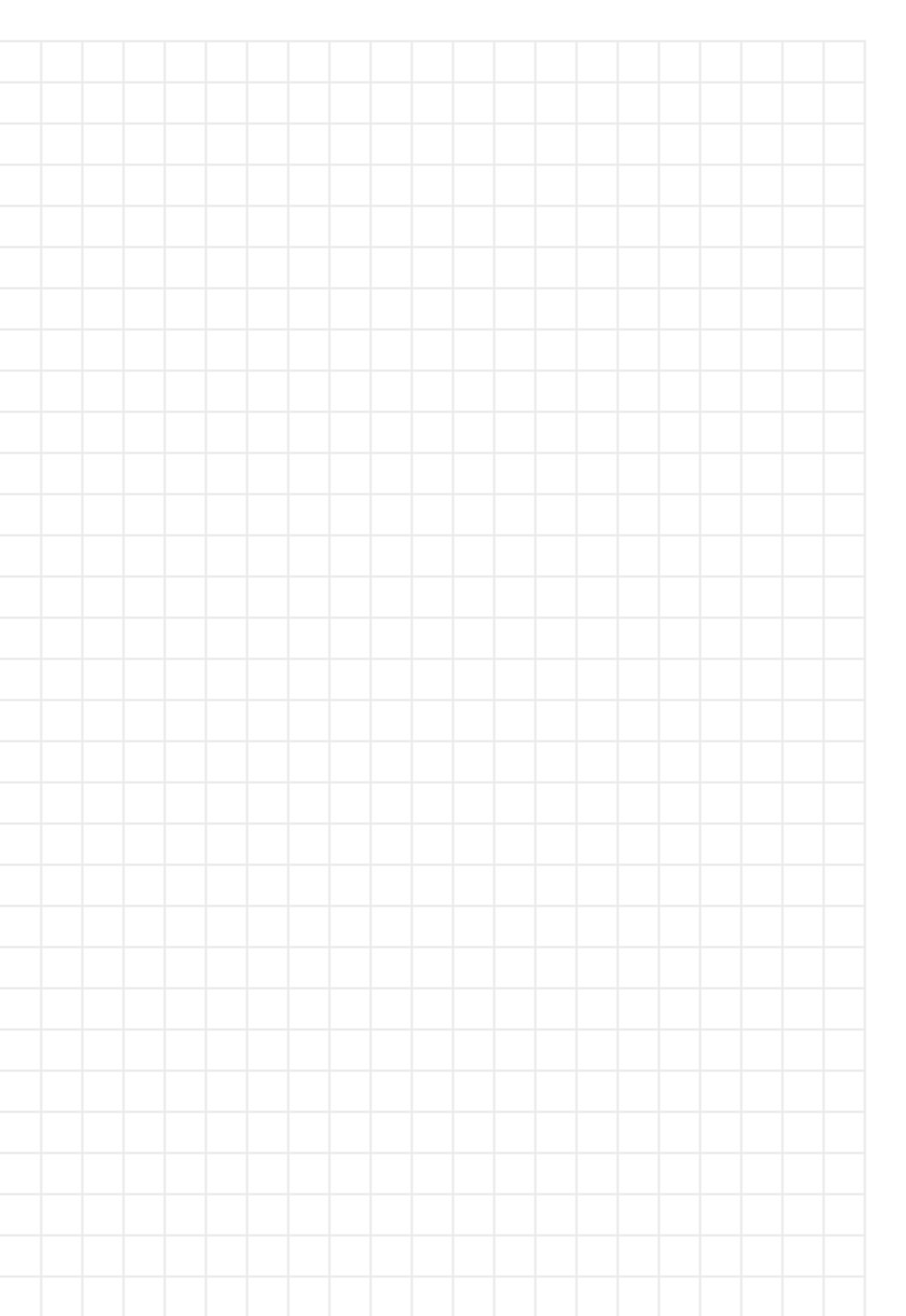
Day 3 - Acts 5:17-25

Day 4 - Acts 5:26-32

Day 5 - Acts 5:33-42

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

Ananias and Sapphira's bad choice.

View 'Table Talk' Video Week 7

Let's Talk

Have you ever been caught in a lie? What happened?

How do you feel when you are lied to?

Dig In – Read Acts 5:1-11

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?

What do you think about the severe and immediate consequence on Ananias and Sapphira? Too harsh? Deserved? Worrisome? Explain.

What was Ananias and Sapphira's motive behind their deception? It seemed like a 'little white lie'. Can you relate with this?

Nowhere does it say they had to give all the money. Why did they lie about it?

From verse 3, we see that Ananias had a relationship with the Holy Spirit, but Satan, at some point, filled his heart. What does this tell you about Satan's desires for you? What does it tell you God will allow you to experience by your own free will?

They were accused of lying to the Holy Spirit, not to men. Is there an area of your life that you are deceived and lying to the Holy Spirit?

They both were respected people in business and society as they purchased the land together. Spouses can work together for the glory of God or they can deter one another. How are we doing in our marriages and relationships to keep each accountable?

If you thought that this could be a reality for you would you change any of your choices? Are you demonstrating courage and boldness in your life in the area of integrity at work and with your family in relationships?

How do you think this frightening situation impacted the church?

Read Hebrews 12:3-11. How does this describe the Lord's discipline? Have you experienced the discipline of God in your life? What did that look like?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:26. What does this say about how one person's sin affects the entire body of believers?

Now What?

Is there an area of your life that you are keeping hidden from God and others?

Are you willing to confess and repent of your sin to bring freedom and healing?

How has your sin affected others?

Pray

Keep praying for the people on your list.

Thank God for loving you so much that He will use any means necessary to draw you to himself.

Thank God for what He is doing in your life, ask Him for more.



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