Message Based Questions – 1/6/19 Movement: Book of Acts, Week 1

Scripture: Matthew 16:17-18, Acts 1-2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of church?
- 2) What were your first/early experiences of attending church? Were those positive or negative experiences in your faith journey?
- 3) Read Matthew 16:17-18. In your words, how is church defined? What is the mission of the church?
- 4) After reading the first two chapters in Acts, what stands out to you the most about church that first day?
- 5) If the church began as a movement, how do you see the church moving today?
- 6) What can you do to be a part of the movement of God?

KEY POINT:

Church is much more than a building or a place. Church is more than pews or hymnals, lights and music. In fact, on opening day, the church had no buildings or rituals, no bands or robed choirs. What it did have was a gathering of people who were intent on one thing: to create followers of Jesus Christ. In that sense, the church was a movement that continues today, a multiplying, multi-cultural gathering of people who believe that Jesus is the Savior and whose lives reflect his teaching.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." -Acts 2:38-39

<u>APPLICATION:</u> pray for personal revival for yourself and your group. May revival in the "church" begin with you and me!