we are made for this TOGETHER Acts Chapter 1-12

PASTOR AUGUSTO ANIANO

JULY 31, 2022

First

WE:	redefined as a	
		·

66 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8 (NLT)

3 Stories with 3 Implications About Our "WE"

The "I" problem (Acts 2:1-36)
The inflection moment:

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'"

ACTS 2:37 (NLT)

- It's not you... it's _____.
- Yikes! We killed Jesus.
- Acts 6:1-7 Our widows _____than yours.

The "YOU" problem (Acts 8:1b-25)
The inflection moment:

- When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit."
- Samaritans? They got the wrong church address!
- Send the detectives.
- Wow! They're , too.

ACTS 8:14-15 (NLT)

The "WE SIZE" issue (Acts 10:1-48) The inflection moment:

- Is everyone welcome?
- The complainers: We can't keep it clean if we include them!
- Peter

Peter told them, 'You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me."

ACTS 10:28-29 (NLT)

Then Peter replied, 'I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel-that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

ACTS 10:34-36 (NLT)



(Chapters 1-12: 1hr | 1-28: 2.5hrs)

· ASK YOURSELF: What am I?

· CHOOSE YOUR ROLE: detective, complainer, or

DISCUSSION Questions



- 1 Did you ever play the "It's not you, it's me" card? Was it for real? How does it really feel to be responsible for screwing things up big time?
- 2 Read Acts 2:22-24. Peter reminds the Israelites they were responsible for Jesus' death. What was their response (hint: see v.37)? The Bible says we are also responsible for his sentence. What is your personal response to this?
- **3** Have you ever been convicted by the Holy Spirit in any area of your life like the early church was in the 3 stories we mentioned this week (Acts 2, 8, 10)? What did God use to make it evident?
- 4 When the church struggled to take good care of both Jew and Greek widows, what was the Apostles' solution? What principle can we learn from their strategy?
- **5** Augusto mentioned the "we" size issue. How big of an "I" do you think is part of your "we" definition?
- **6** Peter gets to be a first-hand witness of God's work in these stories. When have you been a witness of God's work? Did it make your "WE" size bigger? How so? Think of what you can do together as a group to partner with God and make your "WE" size bigger.

GET CONNECTED at FIRST:













DOWNLOAD *The* APP TODAY Stay Connected and Get the Latest Content





Amazon, Google Play, Apple, & Roku









