



Discipleship Guide Acts 23

This guide was created to help you engage with the book of Acts and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Acts 23 Questions:

St. Augustine asks in his book *Confessions*: “What then do I love when I love my God?”

- When we say we love God, what is it that we actually love? How do we see that love at work in your life today?
- What is something that you love that distracts you from God or healthy relationships?

Naming our sin creates the possibility for healing to take place.

- What is sin in your life that is keeping you from having healing with God? With a friend? In your marriage? With a child? With a neighbor? Co-worker?
- We often fear that naming our sin or the injustice of our world will make things worse. Paul shows us that naming our brokenness allows the possibility of healing. How might we create healthier institutions (churches, businesses, non-profits, governments, etc.) that are more willing to name their shortcomings?

To be a citizen of the Kingdom of God is to have both faith and works. Augustine also says that “our heart is restless until it rests in you” in relationship to God. What is one step you can take to live out your faith today?

For our kids (and adults too!): God loves you and forgives you. How might you reflect that love in your relationships with someone else this week?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?