Small Group Guide - The Gospel in the Book of Acts
November 14, 2026

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. The Gospel Has a Backstory
2. Resurrection, Not Just Forgiveness, is the Core Message
3. Redemption (Geula) is Whole-Person Restoration
4. The Kingdom Is Now and Coming

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you first heard or shared the Gospel, how was it presented? What did it emphasize, and what, if anything, did it leave out?

2. The message describes the common Gospel presentation as heavily focused on "What is in it for me?" In your experience, is that accurate? What are the strengths and weaknesses of that approach?

3. The message points out that Matthew, Luke, and John all begin their accounts far earlier than the birth of Yeshua -- with genealogy, the Temple, and Creation itself. Why do you think the Gospel writers felt that backstory was so important? What does it add to the message?

4. Malachi chapter 3 and Job chapter 19 verses 25 through 27 both contain what the message calls previews of the Good News. How does encountering the Gospel in unexpected places in Scripture change the way you think about the Bible as a whole?

5. The message states that the threat of Hell was not a central feature of Gospel presentations in the 1st Century -- that the emphasis was on the resurrection of the dead. How does shifting the emphasis from Hell-avoidance to resurrection change the tone and content of the message? Does it change anything for you personally?

6. The Hebrew word GEULA, meaning redemption and liberation, is described as encompassing body, mind, and spirit. How does that broader understanding of redemption affect the way you think about what Yeshua accomplished? How does it affect the way you think about your own walk with God right now?

7. The message emphasizes that Israel's exile and restoration are central to understanding the Gospels and the Apostolic writings. How familiar were you with that framework? How might understanding Israel's exile change the way you read passages like Romans chapters 9 through 11?

8. In John chapter 8 verses 31 through 36, Yeshua connects abiding in His word with freedom from slavery to sin. The message connects this to GEULA -- whole-person liberation. What areas of your life still feel like exile or bondage? How does the Gospel speak to those areas?

9. The sermon describes the Good News as including the promise that living a God-centered, Messiah-centered life starts producing fruit NOW, not only in eternity. Where in your daily life do you see evidence of that? Where do you wish you saw more of it?