



## FALL 2025 // WEEK 2

### GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // November 9, 2025

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Living Your Life for His Eternal Purpose



### Introduction

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As we journey through the book of Acts together, we're discovering what it truly means to live as disciples of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. The early church reminds us that following Christ requires courage, unity, and faithfulness in a world that often opposes the gospel. Today we look at how believers are to bring glory to God even when things don't go according to plan.

**We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don't need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.**

### Getting Started

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Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read the passage aloud for the group.

### Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

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1. Why do you think Paul was so poised and purposeful when it came to the Gospel? We tend to view Paul on an elevated status. Is this perception accurate?
2. Do you believe that most Christians are living with God's eternal purpose in mind? Why or why not, explain your answer.
3. As Paul traveled the Appian Way towards Rome, he met people along the way who he thanks God for, and found encouragement from. (v.15) Can you recall a time when you received encouragement in an unexpected way, a person, a message, an unlikely source?
4. When Paul arrived in Rome he summoned the Jewish leaders to share the "hope of Israel." (v.20) The Greek word for hope transcends our typical usage. It means confident expectation. How does this view of hope in Christ calm your fears? How should it influence your witnessing?

5. When Paul quotes Isaiah 6:9-10 (v.26-27) the Jews would have agreed that their fathers rejected God's warning to the nation of Israel, so when this verse was applied to them why did they react in the same way? (v.29) (See also Acts 7:51-54)
6. While imprisoned in Rome Paul's vision of preaching to the multitudes ultimately was relegated to one soul at a time. (See Phil. 1:12-13) How does this speak to you? Are you surprised, encouraged, convicted, something else?
7. As was his pattern Paul takes the gospel to the gentiles. Philippians 4:22 tells us that even some of the Roman guards are excited to be members of the household of faith. Have you ever been surprised to find out someone (in your life or someone famous) is a Christian? What is your perspective of this? What should it be?

## Personal Spiritual Exercises

**Scripture Focus:** Imagine you had a chance to share your faith in line at a grocery store. This week briefly write out your testimony. Include only two or three sentences from each of the major components you discussed in your groups and bring it to the group next week (for accountability). If you feel comfortable, consider sharing yours with the group next week.

## Prayer (Suggested time: 10-15 min)

A meaningful part of "coming together" is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you're welcome to pray silently and simply say "Amen" when you're finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God's presence.

1. Personal and group needs
2. Please pray for our Boxes of Love outreach to be effective in meeting needs and leading people to Christ.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel [a]of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (Rom. 1:16, NKJV)*