



FALL 2025 // WEEK 2

GrowGroup Questions

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Telling your Story for God's Glory



Introduction

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

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)*

1. What was your favorite part of the message today? How did it speak to you?
2. Paul says he was vehemently against Christianity (v.9, see also Acts 22:4). What are some common misunderstandings about the Christian faith that unbelievers have?
3. Paul states he was not "disobedient to the heavenly vision." (v. 19) How does his subsequent ministry demonstrate his obedience, and what does this teach us about responding to a call from God?
4. The great Apostle Paul never dreamed of going to Rome the way he did and yet he wrote, "all things work together for good..." Can you think of a time when you couldn't wrap your head around your circumstances but looking back now it was for God's glory.

5. What are the basic elements of an effective testimony?
6. Why is your testimony an effective tool for sharing your faith with others?
7. *God opens doors that we might open our mouth.* What verses would be good to use/memorize when sharing your testimony?

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. Think about someone in your life with whom you have not shared the Gospel. Pray for them by name and for the courage to share Christ.
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. What are you currently going through that you are still waiting to see how God is going to be glorified? Consider making a prayer request.

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)