



FALL 2025 // WEEK 7

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // November 16, 2025

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The End of the Beginning: Part 1



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. In Acts 2:40 Peter exhorts the people to be saved from this perverse (which is also translated as bending or crooked) generation. Did he see the people of his time as hopeless? How would you relate your opinion toward today's generation?
2. The Church is God's ordained institution. (See Matt. 16:18) What are the purposes of the church? What are the results when the church gets off track?
3. We often evaluate pastors by how they care for their flock, however a 2020 Barna research study found that 84% of pastors saw *telling others about Jesus* as the primary role of the church as compared to 58% of Christians in general. How would you explain the disparity?
4. What are four key practices the first church devoted themselves to (listed in verse 42)? Thinking objectively which of these is hardest for you to consistently follow?

5. In v.42 Luke lists *fellowship* as one of the elements of a vital growing church, which seems to suggest something more than simply friendly association. Based on what we know about the early church, what else might it include?
6. The bible says in verse 43 that fear came upon “every soul.” Why do you think that was the case and what was the cause of the widespread awe?

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Scripture Focus: Take turns sharing your favorite accounts and/or verses from the book of Acts.

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.

“...endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Eph 4:3, NKJV)