

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

### GETTING STARTED

1. If there was no book of Acts, what would we be missing? Think about people, history, theology...
2. What key themes do you see in Acts 1.8? In what ways does this verse provide a general outline for the book?

### DIGGING DEEPER

3. One theme in Acts is that we “witness in the power of God’s Spirit.” What does that mean in our day? Look at John 15.26 and 16.8.
4. How have you seen God’s Spirit at work in your witness? Any examples?
5. We learn about “the church” in Acts, a new entity born at Pentecost. Today, people may dismiss the church as outdated or divisive, and may think they don’t need the church. Yet read Eph 5.25-27 to see how much God values her! How do we see His love for the church in Acts?

6. If the structure of Acts (expanding stages of witness; and no real “resolution” to the book) shows that God wants His witness to expand more and more... what could your church do differently or better to witness to the world? What could you do, specifically?
7. God was at work in the time of Acts, and He is still at work today... What are some areas where you believe He is working, but still have not seen the results you are hoping for?
8. Read Acts 6:1-6. How did this event lay the groundwork for the office of deacon?
9. Why are some reasons why we may not always see God at work as we hope to?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

Don’t give up! You may not see the results of your witness in your lifetime... but God’s story is not over yet! He is still at work! “Galatians 6:9 says “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”