



LIFE GROUPS

**THIS IS MY BIBLE
PART 5: BLUEPRINTS
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS**

GETTING STARTED

1. Which part of the Sunday message stood out to you? Did you learn anything new? Were you reminded of something you had forgotten?
2. During Paul's three missionary journeys, he experienced many difficult setbacks. Do you have any difficult traveling or vacation stories? If so, share one.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Acts 1:8. Jesus tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit will enable them to be witnesses. Do you have a difficult time sharing your faith with others? If so, why?
2. In Acts 2, Peter preaches his first sermon. Read Peter's sermon (2:14-36) and discuss some of the important points Peter is making.
3. Discuss the results of Peter's sermon (Acts 2:37).
4. What does Peter instruct them to do in Acts 2:38-41?
5. Peter and John are arrested for preaching the gospel in Acts 4. How do they respond? (Read Acts 4:1-22).

6. In Acts 5, Peter and the Apostles are arrested for preaching Jesus. Read their response to the council in Acts 5:29-32. Discuss your thoughts on Peter's response.
7. The disciples and the early church experienced persecution at every turn (Stephen is murdered chapter 7, James is killed chapter 12, Peter and the disciples are arrested and beaten numerous times). Why didn't they give up? Why didn't they quit? Couldn't we argue that God "closed the door"?
8. Why do we often associate resistance with something "not being God's will"? Is there something that you've given up on because you assumed the doors were closed?
9. Beginning in Acts 13 the emphasis moves to Paul and his three missionary journeys. Take the time to "google" the maps of Paul's journeys. What was the purpose of these trips? (Read Acts 13:4, Acts 13:6, 13:44, 14:1, 15:36, 16:9, 17:1-4, 19:8, 20:1-3)

APPLYING THE MESSAGE

1. One of the greatest verses in Acts is found in chapter 20 verse 24. What is Paul committed to? How can we personalize this verse?