

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

APR. 12 & 13 - ACTS 27-28 - THE STORY OF OUR LIVES

OPENING QUESTION

Of all the books you've ever read, if you had to choose one to read again, what would it be? Why?

BIG IDEA

God intends the story of the book of Acts to become the story of our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) This week we're going to take some time to do a review of the book of Acts. So let's begin by thinking back over our Ripple Effect series. Is there a highlight for you from our study of Acts? Why would you choose that one?
- 2) Read Acts 1:1-11. If you were the disciples, how would you be feeling at the end of verse 11?
- 3) Now read Acts 4:1-14. How do you see the disciples acting? What has changed?
- 4) Read Act 2:42-47. What do you personally find most attractive about this new community? Why would you want to be part of it?
- 5) To what does the book of Acts attribute these changes in courage and community? Revisit Acts 1:4 and 1:8.
- 6) Read Acts 4:23-31. For what does this new community of believers pray? What specific things do they ask God for?

CHALLENGE

This week commit to praying each morning within the first hour of your day for the same things that new community of believers prayed for. Take time to pray while you're in the shower, while you're eating your breakfast, while you're on your way to work, etc. And then look for opportunities – divine appointments – that God is bringing your way.

PRAYER

Choose a partner from among your small group and agree on two things: (1) To pray the same thing for each other that you are praying for yourself every day and (2) To talk on the phone halfway through the week to see what God is doing in and through you.

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