

ACTS

Group Guide:
Week

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What's the craziest gathering you've ever been to? Concert, worship gathering, sports event? What made it stand out?
- Have you ever been baptized? Tell us about it!

INTRODUCTION

Acts takes place after Jesus has conquered death and risen from the grave and begins with Jesus giving his disciples the power they need to live out his mission in the world. Acts is the story of how Jesus, the Spirit, and the disciples start the church. Today, the Holy Spirit invites us to receive Him in the same way that first church did: by repenting, being baptized, and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Acts 2:12-41

DISCUSS:

- Peter refers to "this Jesus whom you crucified." Presumably most of these people listening hadn't personally crucified Jesus! What could Peter mean by saying his listeners crucified Jesus?
- Why does Peter think that David is referring to Jesus in verse 34? Is that how you would read that passage (Psalm 110)? Why or why not?
- Why does Peter quote from Joel? Why is Joel relevant here?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- Why do you think baptism is so important? What makes you reluctant to be baptized if you haven't been?
- Are there habits of sin in your life that you need to repent of?
- How actively have you embraced the gift of the Holy Spirit? Why?

PRAY

Thank Jesus for triumphing over sin and death, and sending his Spirit so that we can do the same! Thank him for offering us rebirth in baptism, and empowering our repentance and our journey to our Father.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?