

ACTS

Group Guide:
Week 3

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- When in your life did you have a great group of friends? What made it so special?
- What is something in your life that refreshes you?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

The book of Acts takes place after Jesus has conquered death and risen from the grave. It 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, we see the fullness of God's presence living in the individuals of the early church, leading them to build a community that is small picture of heaven.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Acts 2:42-3

DISCUSS:

- What about verses 42-47 sticks out to you the most?
- Why do you think that the arrival of the Spirit leads to a community that looks like this?
- How does Peter embody verses 42-47?
- What do you think Peter means when he says, "that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord?"

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- This passage comes on the heels of Pentecost where the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. This is what enables the early church and Peter to live the way we see in this passage. How could you allow the Holy Spirit to enable your group to live like the early church?

PRAY

Praise the Spirit who is the one who transforms us. Pray that we would allow the Holy Spirit to fill us up and create a new and refreshing community.