

ACTS

Group Guide:
Week 8

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Have you ever volunteered for something? How'd that go?
- Have you ever been part of an organization that you cared enough about to want to make it better? What happened?
- 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 with Christ's disciples that *when problems arise that pressure-test the church, servant hearted leaders keep the mission moving.*

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Acts 6:1-7

DISCUSS:

- What is the problem that the disciples face in this passage? Why would that problem have been so controversial?
- How are the leaders chosen?
- Why do you think the apostles asked the congregation to meet this need, rather than doing it themselves?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- Inside the Church, there are times when we fall short of the Kingdom that we're supposed to be a picture of. How can we respond to those problems the way these disciples did?
- Are there places that our church falls short of the Kingdom we're supposed to be picturing?
- Have you told anyone about those areas? Are you willing to help make them better? How can you do that?

PRAY

Thank God for sending His Son to serve you, who did not consider himself too good to even wash his disciples feet. Ask that you would be given Christ's heart by his Spirit, so that you can love and serve his people like he would.

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?