

# JESUS, JUSTICE, AND \_\_\_\_\_

Group Guide:  
The Mission

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## CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Have you ever felt like you were on a mission? What were you trying to do?
- Have you ever met someone who was incredibly full of purpose? What was that like?
- Ask the discipleship questions at the bottom of the guide.

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## READ & DISCUSS UNDERSTAND & APPLY THE SCRIPTURE'S MEANING

This week we're taking a break from our normal pattern of sermons and group guides. Rather than being in the Gospels, we'll be in Acts, talking about church planting. Here at Aletheia, we're blessed to be sending out our great staff member Kevin McKenzie to plant a church in Savannah, Georgia. We couldn't be more excited about this opportunity to partner with him to reach a place that needs the good news and justice of Jesus Christ. This week serves as a reminder to us that we are a people called on mission. Let's spend some time this week remembering *why we go*.

READ: Acts 11:19-26

DISCUSS: This is what the church on mission looks like. We go to *reach* the lost and to *raise* up new disciples—to welcome people into relationship with Jesus, and to help them grow in that relationship. God's people are always looking outward, because they know God is on the move outside their own walls. What would it look like if God's mission to the lost was your mission as well?

READ: Acts 11:27-30

DISCUSS: When the Spirit moves, he doesn't just bring changed hearts; he changes hearts that change the world. Our mission is a mission of *revitalization*, of bringing justice to the oppressed and help to the needy. Just like the early church, when we know a people is in need, we send ministers of the gospel to do what Jesus did: to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and preach liberation to the captive. How can the gospel and this heart of God become the central mission of your life?

Thank God that he was on mission for you—for us!—when we weren't following him. Thank him that he continues to hunt after you and is relentless in his love for you. Ask him to give you his heart for the lost and for the oppressed, and to show you how you can join him on his mission. Ask him how you can go.

**\*Leader's Note:** In the coming weeks we will be covering very difficult topics ranging from race to gender. It is important that as we prepare for groups and the conversations we will be having that we are taking time to pray for our groups and walking in the Spirit in the midst of them. Don't ever feel like you have to have an answer to everyone's questions. When you feel like you need additional wisdom and guidance feel free to reach out to your section leader or Sarah or Pastor Donny or Pastor Question. Also encourage your groups to attend the beyond the sermon series conversations that will be happening over Zoom with Pastor Adam on Sunday evenings.

### **Discipleship Check-In**

- Have you 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?