

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Fall 2023 – Acts Sermon Series - “Witness”

Week of Nov. 5 (Week 9)

ICE BREAKER: This time is designed for getting conversation going. [Click here](#) for a helpful list of ideas for this time or create / do your own!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Join us at 10 AM this Sunday, November 12, for Baptism Sunday!
2. Next Tuesday, November 14, we are going to be holding a night of worship, prayer and thanksgiving based around Psalm 107:21-22 - “Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!” We hope you will join us at 7 PM next Tuesday!
3. All women are invited to join us for a breakfast buffet and time of fellowship on Saturday, November 18, from 9:30-11:30 AM at church. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend!
4. If you are interested in learning more about our doctrine and vision, church leadership structure, and qualifications for membership, join our Membership Class on Sunday, December 3 at 12 PM. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend.
5. Join us for prayer every Tuesday night from 7-8 PM. All are welcome!
6. Every Wednesday morning at 6:30 AM a group of women meet for prayer at the church! Reach out to covenant members Danielle Hoitsma (leavnalegacy@aol.com) and Al Cimino (alexandra.m.cimino@gmail.com) for more information.
7. Join us for prayer every Sunday morning from 9-9:30 AM. We meet in the classroom behind the Guest Services desk. All are welcome!

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that the The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read the passage: Acts 19:1-7. You can start the discussion by saying: This past Sunday we looked at Acts 19:1-7 and saw what it looks like to have a Christian Identity. We also saw that our identity can be found in the answers to 3 questions:

1. What do you aspire to?
2. What are you worth?
3. Who gets to say what you’re worth?

QUESTION #1: It was said in the sermon that what we should aspire to is Jesus, which is a simple truth but yet just because it is a simple truth doesn’t mean that it’s not a complicated struggle. All of us are tempted to set our hope on something other than Jesus. What is something that you find yourself thinking about often that you aspire to? What might you set your hope in other than Jesus? In other words, what wakes you up at night that you can’t stop thinking about? Is it your career? Future spouse? Money? House? Physical appearance? Health? Family? Kids? Why do you think this is?

QUESTION #2: What are you tempted to find your worth in other than in Jesus Christ? Why is it so easy for us to find our worth in things other than Jesus?

QUESTION #3: It was said in the sermon that our worth in Jesus is both immutable (does not & can not change) and immeasurable. When you think about this, what is happening in your heart and mind? How does this reality make you feel?

QUESTION #4: It was said in the sermon that we are hardwired by God to receive affirmation. We crave, desire, want, and need to feel valued, loved, accepted, and affirmed. Why is it so dangerous to give authority away to something other than God to determine our worth?

QUESTION #5: No one sees our faults and failures like God, yet He takes us in and stands in our corner to protect us forever. Why is this so important and essential?

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking **and recording** prayer requests and then pray together as a group. *(You may want to consider sending out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives.)*

