ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

How God Turned a Band of Nobodies into a Movement for Everybody

How did a handful of ordinary people become ten thousand followers of Jesus in the year following his public execution? How did his movement gain so much momentum, especially as ten of the eleven charter members were crucified, burned, or stoned to death? How did ten thousand Christians become one million by the second century, and 3.3 billion today? Written in the middle of the first century, The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of how Christianity spread like wildfire across the Roman Empire and beyond. For 25 weeks we will journey through Acts in pursuit of the truth behind history's most consequential movement.

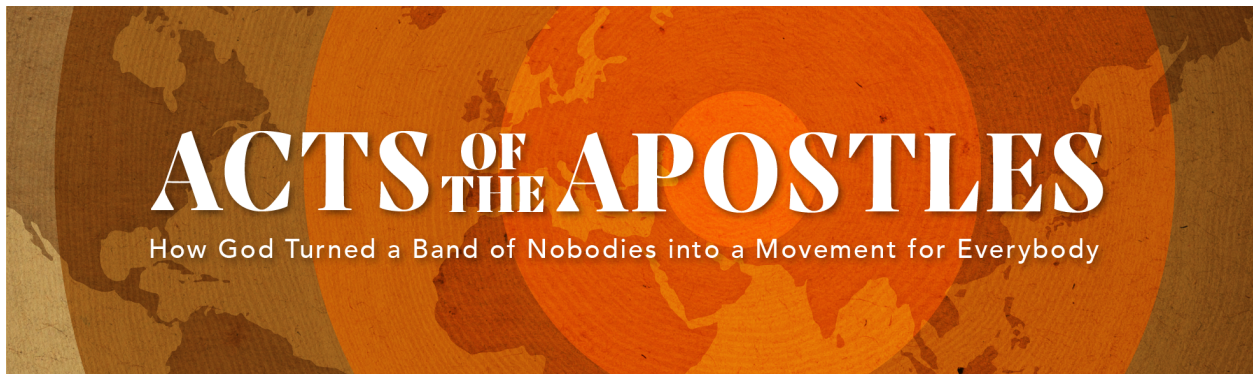## Discussion Guide: Week 4
Acts 2:22-41

Reflection Question: What makes Jesus so special? How can we say that he's any better or any different from all the other well-spoken, charismatic religious leaders that have come and gone?

David's Prediction

What does Psalm 16 say about the coming messiah? How do we know this song was not about David himself?

How does Pslam 110 point to Jesus? What does Jesus say about this passage in Matthew 22:43-46?

How do the cross and resurrection play a central role in Peter's Sermon? How do you think the crowds in Jerusalem would have reacted to Peter's claims?

God's Promise

Peter says "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." How is the Gospel both inclusive and exclusive?

Why is the belief in the bodily resurrection of Jesus a non-negotiable in the Christian faith?

Peter's Warning

Peter warns the people to "save themselves from this corrupt generation". What do you think Peter was referring to in his context, and how would this warning apply to us today?

The fascinating truth of the Gospel is the only way to save yourself is to stop trying to save yourself. What does this mean?

Further Reflection

Read 1 Corinthians 15, what is the significance of the cross?

Where do you see corruption in your own heart? How can you cleanse it?