



# 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? 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.*

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## Discussion Guide: Week 5

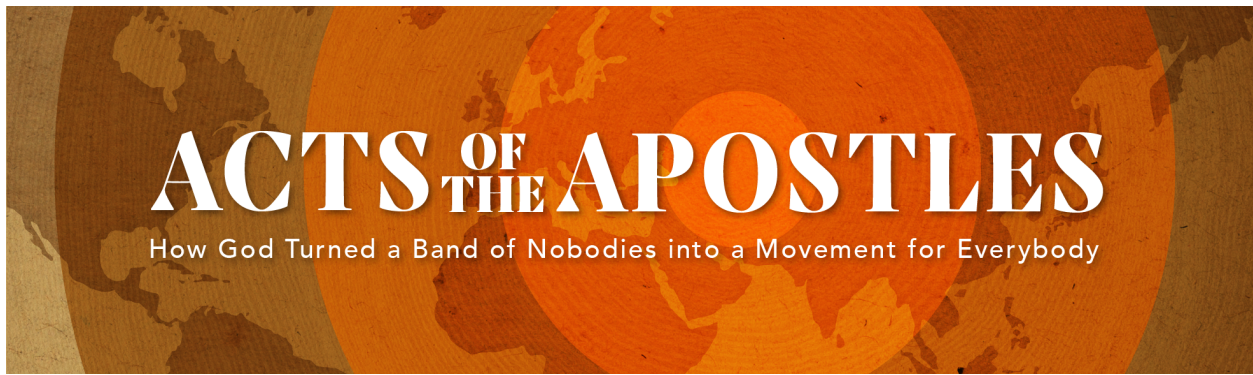
### Acts 3:1-19

Do you believe there is power in the *name* of Jesus? If so, what kind of power is it?

In what ways do you think people misuse or trivialize the name of Jesus today? In doing so how do we violate the third commandment?

Names served as expressions of identity and authority in the ancient world. What can we learn about the identity and authority of God through His name (Yahweh) and the name of Jesus?

The Jewish people treated the name of God with deep reverence, a practice they still follow to this day. What can we learn from the way they treat the name of God?



What does Philippians 2:9-11 teach us about the Authority in the name of Jesus?

How does Jesus grant us access to and intimacy with the Father?

How does repentance allow us to participate in the power of Jesus' name? What is the connection between repentance and refreshing?

### Reflection Questions

How do you use the name of Jesus? How can you use it more carefully and meaningfully?

Is the Church we read about in Acts just an ideal, or do you believe the Church can still be that force for the Kingdom today?

In what areas of your life do you need to repent and be refreshed?