

## 'The Journey Begins'

From the series:: Acts... 30 Years that Changed the World – 02/03/13

### BIG IDEA

The story of Acts reveals what life looks like when the people of God are committed to the mission of God and are empowered by the Spirit of God. Because Jesus is alive, we can live and operate with the same confidence & conviction that God will use this community of 'nobodies' to accomplish changing the world.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Engaging the Head::

- On Sunday, three specific challenges were given:
  1. Be open to establishing a new normal.
  2. Pray alone... pray together... pray often.
  3. Be in community, not just around community.

As you consider each of these challenges, which challenge will be most challenging for you? Why? In light of these challenges, are there things that you know you will need to begin doing differently? If yes, what?

**Acts 1:3** – *“During the forty days after his crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.”*

- Jesus wanted His disciples to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He was alive because this one truth would radically shape how they lived and interacted with the world around them. How is the truth that Jesus is alive shaping how you live and how you interact with those around you? What would it look like to live every day as one who is convinced that Jesus is alive?

#### Engaging the Heart::

- Luke, author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts was responsible for writing nearly a third of the New Testament, but surprisingly, we do not know much about Luke. But, what we do know about Luke is absolutely inspiring! Although not an eye-witness, Luke investigated the God-man Jesus ([Luke 1:1-4](#)). He was loyal and faithful companion of the Apostle Paul ([2 Timothy 4:11](#)). Luke was a Doctor ([Colossians 4:14](#)), but he did not allow his profession to dictate or distract him from what mattered most. Of what we know of Luke, what is most inspiring and challenging to you? Why?
- Thirty years from now, what kind of stories do you want to be telling others? If you'd want to be sharing 'redemption stories,' how might you begin to invest yourself in the lives of those around you so that you are part of those stories rather than just a casual observer of them?

#### Engaging the Hands::

- As we'll see in the story of Acts, God uses 'nobodies' who know 'Somebody' to introduce the world to Jesus. Who are some 'nobodies' that God has used to impact you? What are some ways that you are seeing God uses you where you are to impact and influence your world towards Jesus?
- Being in community and being around community are radically different. Are you in a community? If so, what are the blessings you receive from being engaged with community? If not 'in community,' what holds you back from fully entering into community?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – Join us this Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> as we continue our series in Acts. Next up: Go Tell the World...
- **the WELL – an evening of prayer & worship** – Join the GENESIS Community this **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** for a power evening of prayer & worship. The WELL begins at 8PM and ends by 9:30PM.