

A SMALL GROUP STUDY

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ABOUT DRIVETIME DEVOTIONS SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Welcome to this special Drivetime Devotions, small group study. This 6-week study is designed so that you can enjoy Drivetime Devotions as a podcast throughout the week and then talk about it with your small group. This will allow for more time in your small group for discussion, application, and fellowship.

The purpose of Drivetime Devotions is to help you know God's Word and put it into practice. It's usually better to study small sections of God's Word each day instead of a larger section once a week. Studying the Bible is like eating—you'll be healthier if you eat small amounts each day rather than one big meal a week! Episodes are designed to be listened to once per day, five days a week. In the event you miss a day or two, you can still stay on schedule.

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In Drivetime Devotions, Pastor Tom Holladay teaches God's Word and helps you put it into practice. With over 30 million downloads, Drivetime Devotions has built a reputation for changing lives and helping people grow closer to God. You can access this podcast study on ACTS by downloading the DrivetimeDevotions app for your phone or by going to DrivetimeDevotions.com.

HOW TO USE THIS INTERACTIVE STUDY GUIDE

This study guide is designed to be used as a downloaded file on your tablet or phone. You do not need to print it out unless you want to.

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



LISTEN

Prepare yourself before each study by listening to each week's five daily podcast episodes (one per day).



CHECKING IN

Open each meeting with a time for everyone to check in on each other's progress with the podcast. Accountability is a key to success in this study!



KEY VERSE

Each week you will find a key verse (or verses) from the chapter you are studying. You may want to memorize this verse together as a group.



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

These are questions for group discussion. Please don't feel pressured to discuss every single question. The material in this study is meant to be your servant, not your master. Therefore there is no reason to rush through your discussions. Give everyone ample time to share their thoughts.

Some questions will reference the verses from which they are taken. Many groups will want to have someone read those verses accompanying the question. There is something powerful about hearing the Bible read aloud together as a group.



LIVING ON PURPOSE

This section helps you encourage each other in balancing God's five purposes of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and worship. Each week, there will be a prayer, practical action, or personal assignment that focuses on one of these purposes.



PRAYING TOGETHER

At the end of each session you will find suggestions for your group prayer time. Praying together is one of the greatest privileges of small group life. Please don't take it for granted.

Get ready for God to do incredible things in your life as you begin the adventure of learning more deeply about the most exciting message in the world: the truth about God!

A FEW TIPS BEFORE YOU DIG IN



TELL A FRIEND

As you go through each session, the Holy Spirit may bring to mind different people in your life. You may even want to write their names down beside a point, phrase, or verse in the margins. Take the opportunity to share God's Word in a friend's life during the week.

WEEK ONE: ACTS Chapters 1-3



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK ONE



CHECKING IN

1. What is one interesting fact about your family or where you grew up that we might not know?
2. When you have to wait for something important, do you tend to get anxious, distracted, or patient?



KEY VERSE

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the command to wait in verses 4-5, how do you personally handle seasons of waiting, and how can we help each other depend on God rather than rushing ahead? *Verses 1:4-5*
2. Based on the call in verse 8, where do you feel God is currently asking you to be a bold witness, and how can we encourage you to overcome the fears holding you back? *Verses 1:8*

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3. Reflecting on the unity in verses 12-14, how do you maintain "one accord" with believers when stress arises, and how can we support each other during disagreements? *Verses 1:12-14*
4. When considering the outpouring in verses 1-4, when have you felt the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, and how can we seek that power together for our daily lives? *Verses 2:1-4*
5. Looking at the early church in verses 42-47, what practical steps can we take together to devote ourselves more deeply to fellowship and prayer this week? *Verses 2:42-47*
6. Reflecting on the healing in verses 1-6, how can we grow in noticing the hurts of people around us, and how can we challenge each other to offer genuine spiritual hope instead of just quick fixes? *Verses 3:1-6*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

We worship God not just by singing, but by waiting on His timing, depending entirely on the Holy Spirit's power, and boldly proclaiming His wonders to those in need. Let's practice living empowered, Spirit-filled lives that point others to Jesus this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for patience in our seasons of waiting and for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit to empower our witness.

WEEK ONE



TELL A FRIEND

Look back through the study guide above and highlight a point, phrase, or verse that you would like to share with somebody this week.

WEEK TWO: ACTS Chapters 4-8



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK TWO



CHECKING IN

1. How did you experience the Holy Spirit's power or prompting as you lived out last week's focus on bold witness?
2. Have you ever tried to fix a problem and ended up making it more complicated, or what is your typical reaction when things get chaotic?



KEY VERSE

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Acts 4:31 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. When reading about the disciples' boldness in verses 18-20, how do you typically respond to opposition, and what can we do to help each other find the courage to stand firm? *Verses 4:18-20*
2. Looking at the warning in verses 1-4, how do you deal with the temptation to seek approval or appear more spiritual than you are, and how can we foster honest vulnerability in our group? *Verses 5:1-4*

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3. Based on the resolution in verses 1-7, when complaints arise, how can we approach them in a way that leads to growth rather than division? *Verses 6:1-7*
4. Considering Stephen's challenge in verses 51-53, how do you respond when God asks you to let go of comfortable routines, and how can we support each other in embracing His new direction? *Verses 7:51-53*
5. Reflecting on Stephen's final words in verses 59-60, how can we encourage each other to respond with grace and forgiveness when we feel attacked or misunderstood? *Verses 7:59-60*
6. Looking at Philip's obedience in verses 26-31, in what situations do you struggle to share your faith, and how can we support each other in listening to the Holy Spirit's promptings? *Verses 8:26-31*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

EVANGELISM

Evangelism means stepping out of our comfort zones, overcoming the fear of opposition, and trusting the Spirit's promptings to share the Good News with those around us. Let's look for one person to intentionally share our faith story with this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for boldness to share our faith amidst opposition and for open doors to speak with those who need to hear the gospel.

WEEK TWO



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK THREE: ACTS Chapters 9-13



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK THREE



CHECKING IN

1. How did your attempt to intentionally share your faith story or look for evangelism opportunities go this past week?
2. Who is someone in your life who has challenged you to grow or helped you see things from a different perspective?



KEY VERSE

"The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch."

Acts 11:26 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on Ananias in verses 10-17, who has God placed in your life to challenge or encourage you, and how can we be that kind of support for someone else this week? *Verses 9:10-17*
2. Based on Peter's vision in verses 9-15, how do you handle situations where God's direction challenges your previous understanding, and how can we encourage each other to remain open to His leading? *Verses 10:9-15*

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3. Looking at the believers in verses 25-26, how can we actively live up to the name "Christian" in our daily interactions, and what is one practical way we can hold each other accountable to this? *Verses 11:25-26*
4. Considering the unexpected imprisonment in verses 1-5, how do you navigate confusing circumstances, and how can we support each other in prayer when things don't align with our expectations? *Verses 12:1-5*
5. Reading about Barnabas in verses 22-24, in what ways can we better serve as examples and encouragers to help newer believers grow in their faith? *Verses 11:22-24*
6. Reflecting on the church leaders in verses 2-3, what steps can you take this week to be more attentive to the Holy Spirit's promptings, and how can we encourage each other in our decision-making? *Verses 13:2-3*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

DISCIPLESHIP

True discipleship involves allowing God to change our hearts, learning from those He places in our lives, and living in such a way that our actions reflect Christ to everyone we meet. Let's commit to encouraging one specific person in their spiritual walk this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for soft hearts to receive God's changing work in us and for opportunities to disciple and encourage one another.

WEEK THREE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FOUR: ACTS Chapters 14-18



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK FOUR



CHECKING IN

1. How were you able to encourage or disciple someone else this past week, or what challenges did you face in doing so?
2. What is the most memorable disagreement or sticky situation you successfully navigated with a friend or family member?



KEY VERSE

"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: 'Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you...'"

Acts 18:9-10 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Looking at the perseverance in verses 19-22, how do you handle the tension when doing the right thing leads to trouble, and how can we encourage each other to continue in the faith? *Verses 14:19-22*
2. Based on the conflict in verses 1-5, when you find yourself in a sharp dispute with other believers, what practical steps can we take to seek unity and understand their perspective? *Verses 15:1-5*

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3. Reflecting on the disagreement in verses 36-40, how can our group better support and pray for each other when we experience relational conflicts or differing opinions? *Verses 15:36-40*
4. Considering the closed doors in verses 6-10, how do you seek God's alternative direction without becoming discouraged, and how can we help each other discern His leading? *Verses 16:6-10*
5. Reading about Paul and Silas in verses 25-26, how can we cultivate a habit of praising God together even when we find ourselves in painful or restrictive circumstances? *Verses 16:25-26*
6. Looking at the partnership in verses 1-3, in what ways can we strengthen our fellowship so that it provides genuine refreshment, and how can we practically support someone who feels depleted this week? *Verses 18:1-3*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship is about navigating life's sticky situations together, handling disagreements with grace, and refreshing one another when ministry gets exhausting. Let's intentionally reach out to support and connect with someone in our group who might be facing a tough time.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for unity in our relationships and for the grace to navigate disagreements with love and patience.

WEEK FOUR



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK FIVE: ACTS Chapters 19-23



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:



CHECKING IN

1. How did you experience the refreshment or support of our fellowship during a sticky situation or exhausting moment this past week?
2. When you have to prepare for a difficult conversation, what is your usual strategy to calm your nerves?



KEY VERSE

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me..."

Acts 20:24 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the riot in verses 23-29, how do you stay focused on serving when met with strong criticism, and how can we encourage each other to keep pushing forward? *Verses 19:23-29*
2. Based on Paul's determination in verses 22-24, what specific areas of service do you feel God has entrusted to you, and how can we help you overcome the obstacles making it hard to finish that race? *Verses 20:22-24*

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3. Looking at Paul's example in verses 18-21, how can we hold each other accountable to serve with humility and compassion rather than just trying to get a job done? *Verses 20:18-21*
4. Considering the warnings in verses 10-14, when loved ones urge you to take the safe route, how do you find courage to follow God's direction, and how can we support you in taking steps of faith? *Verses 21:10-14*
5. Reading about the false accusations in verses 27-32, how do you typically react when your motives are misjudged, and how can we help each other respond with grace instead of defensiveness? *Verses 21:27-32*
6. Reflecting on Paul's testimony in verses 1-15, what parts of your own faith story could you share to minister to a struggling friend, and how can we encourage you to speak up? *Verses 22:1-15*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

MINISTRY

Ministry means stepping into the messiness of life, serving others with tears and humility, and remaining steadfast in our calling even when facing severe testing. Let's find a practical way to serve someone outside our comfort zone this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for the perseverance to finish the race God has given us and for a heart that serves others with genuine humility.

WEEK FIVE



TELL A FRIEND

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WEEK SIX: ACTS Chapters 24-28



LISTEN

Use this space below to type any notes or thoughts you may have had while listening:

WEEK SIX



CHECKING IN

1. How did stepping into a messy situation or serving someone outside your comfort zone impact your faith this past week?
2. What is the most memorable delay or detour you've ever experienced while traveling, and how did you handle it?



KEY VERSE

"For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 28:30-31 (NIV)



DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Based on Paul's imprisonment in verses 22-27, when you feel "stuck" in a difficult season, what practices help you maintain trust in God's timing, and how can we encourage each other not to manipulate a way out? *Verses 24:22-27*
2. Reflecting on the shipwreck in verses 20-25, how can we actively serve and encourage one another during periods of waiting or when our plans have been completely derailed? *Verses 27:20-25*

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3. Looking at the shipwreck outcome in verses 39-44, what "storms" currently threaten your confidence, and how can we help you anchor your hope in God's presence? *Verses 27:39-44*
4. Considering the unexpected incident in verses 1-6, when small disasters hit, how do you keep them from ruining your day, and how can we remind each other of God's protection? *Verses 28:1-6*
5. Reading about Paul's house arrest in verses 30-31, how do you continue to share your faith when feeling restricted, and what practical steps can we take to live boldly in our current circumstances? *Verses 28:30-31*
6. Looking at Paul's ongoing teaching in verses 23-24, what is one specific way your view of God has expanded through Acts, and how can we encourage each other to let that change our daily worship? *Verses 28:23-24*



LIVING ON PURPOSE

WORSHIP

We worship God by trusting His sovereignty even when we are stuck, anchored by His promises in the middle of life's storms, and boldly proclaiming His kingdom wherever we find ourselves. Let's look for ways to thank God for His presence in our current challenges this week.



PRAYING TOGETHER

Let's pray for unwavering confidence in God's plan during our crises and that we will continually worship Him with our lives, no matter our circumstances.

WEEK SIX



TELL A FRIEND

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