



ACTS: LifeGroup Leader Overview

May 2026

Acts is the story of the early Church, which bears witness to a key principle of God's Kingdom: ordinary men and women are the tools of God's extraordinary work through the power of the Holy Spirit. For the next few months, we're chasing the answer to this one big question: *How does the unstoppable Spirit of God advance the mission of Jesus through ordinary people like us?*

As every generation of the Church has sought to answer this question, Christians have leaned on the foundation laid for us in Acts 2:42-47 (NLT).

“42All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

43A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

In verse 42, Luke gives us four key functions of the Church: Teaching, Fellowship, Meals together, Prayer. Throughout the next four months of our study through Acts, consider incorporating each of these functions with your LifeGroup either during group time, or in addition. Here are some suggestions:

Teaching:

- Listen to a podcast or watch a Biblical Documentary.

Fellowship:

- Do something fun together: hike at Asbury Woods, Seawolves game, picnic at Presque Isle,...
- Serve somewhere together. Check out [serverie.com](https://www.serverie.com) or any of the non-profits in Erie.

Meals together:

- Go out to eat together, or all bring your favorite food to share.
- Plan a time to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. ([Here are some tips](#))

Prayer

- Plan a dedicated meeting to praying for each other using ACTS or PRAY.
- Attend one of the Acts Community Prayer Nights on 5/31, 6/28, 7/26, and 8/30 together.



ACTS: How to Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Supplies needed: Bread or Crackers, Grape Juice, Cups

1. Read Scripture.

- a. **Say:** "Let's take a few moments to read about the Lord's Supper together."
- b. **Do:** Read one (or more) of the passages about the Lord's Supper: [Matthew 26:26-30](#), [Mark 14:22-26](#), [Luke 22:14-23](#), [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

2. Set the Tone.

- a. **Say:** "As we pass the elements, each person will have a chance to share. What's shared here stays here. I'll go first to help us get started. Take a couple of minutes to reflect on these questions. How have you seen Jesus sustain you this past year? Where have you experienced Christ's forgiveness in your life this year?"
- b. **Do:** Allow a few minutes of reflection for people to think about their answers.

3. Pass the Bread.

- a. **Do:** As the bread is passed and each person takes a piece, have each person answer the question.
- b. **Say:** "As you take the bread, share: how have you seen Jesus sustain you this past year?"
- c. **Do:** After each person has shared and has a piece of bread in their hands, pray a blessing over the bread, thanking Jesus for sustaining us.
- d. **Say:** "The body of Christ broken for you, do this in remembrance of him." Then eat the bread together.

4. Pass the Cup

- a. **Do:** As the individual cups are passed out, have each person answer the question.
- b. **Say:** "As you take the cup, share: where have you experienced Christ's forgiveness in your life this year?"
- c. **Do:** Have the person to the right/left pray for that individual.
- d. **Say:** Once everyone has shared, "The blood of Christ poured out for you, do this in remembrance of him." Drink the cup together.

5. Close and Debrief

- a. **Do:** Close in prayer and allow space for brief reflection, especially if this is new for the group.
Say: "Let's close our time in prayer. If this was a new experience, feel free to share what it was like for you."



ACTS: Week 7

Staying Bold When the World Shuts You Down

Pastor Sarah

June 7, 2026

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- Are you generally a bold person? Why or why not?
- Describe a time when you did something BOLD! How did it go? What was hard? What was easy?

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

Read: [Acts 3:1-26](#) and [Acts 4:1-31](#).

Questions:

- What stuck out to you from the sermon?
- In [Acts 3:11-16](#), how is Peter's response considered bold? Where does he declare his power comes from?
- In [Acts 3:17-26](#), what are the results of repentance (v.19-20)? How have you seen these results in your own life?
- Read [Deuteronomy 18:15-22](#), Peter is referring to this passage in Acts 3:22. What evidence do we have that Jesus is the prophet Moses refers to?
- In [Acts 4:1-22](#), how are Peter and John's responses considered bold? How do the religious leaders know they were with Jesus?
- Reflect on [Acts 4:12](#), what other "names" do people turn to for salvation in our culture today? How is Jesus better?
- What does it look like for us today to hold the tension between following God's authority and following earthly authority? Which areas are hard? Which areas are easy?
- How does the church pray for persecution in [Acts 4:23-31](#)? How could this example impact your prayers today?

God's Story Tool: Using this tool as a guide, have each member write their own overview of God's Story in one paragraph. Try to use normal, everyday language (not churchy words). Here are a few questions to get you started:

- Why is Jesus important in God's Story?
- How does this apply to life today?

GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*



- Where is Jesus asking you to be bold for him? What is one bold step you can take this week? Write an "I will..." statement for it.
- Pray for each other's bold steps and for the Holy Spirit to guide you.



ACTS: Week 8

Why Integrity Matters: Lessons from Ananias and Sapphira

Pastor Sarah

June 14, 2026

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- Who is someone that you respect for their integrity? How have they displayed integrity in their lives?

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

Read [Acts 4:32-37](#) and [Acts 5:1-11](#).

Questions:

- Describe the community of believers in Acts 4:32-37. What motivated them to live this way?
- Contrast this with the actions of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11; what was their motivation?
- Read [Joshua 7:1](#) and [7:22-26](#). How are these two instances similar? What does this say about God's character and his desire for his people?
- Read [James 1:14-15](#). How do you see sin taking root in both of these stories? How have you seen this play out today?
- Read [Philippians 2:12](#) and [2 Corinthians 7:1](#). What does it look like to live out these verses day-to-day?

GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

Practice a time of confession together for the sins that are getting in the way of the Holy Spirit working in your lives. Read [Proverbs 28:13](#). As you read each question, allow time for prayer and journaling.

- What area of my life am I not surrendering to God?
- Where have I chosen my way instead of God's?
- When am I tempted to lie or obscure the truth?

To wrap up the prayer time, repeat this prayer together: *"Oh my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen."*

- What is God saying to you?
- What are you going to do about it? "I will..."



ACTS: Week 9

How an Ordinary Volunteer Changed Church History

Pastor Derek

June 21, 2026

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit guide you as you serve others?
- Check in with the group about their My Chair rhythm. What is the Holy Spirit teaching them?

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

Read [Acts 6:1-7](#); [Acts 7: 54-60](#) , [Luke 23:34](#)

Questions:

- In [Acts 6:1-7](#), what does it mean that Stephen was “a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit”?
- How could serving in the power of the Spirit allow you to point to Jesus?
- In [Acts 7: 54-60](#), Stephen's dying words sounded like Jesus ([Luke 23:34](#)), because he had internalized Jesus's words for years. What are you internalizing?
- Whose words come out when we are under pressure?
- Read [Philippians 4:8](#), how does what we think connect with the words that come out under pressure?
- What would it look like for you to take a next step towards internalizing Jesus' words?

Practice: Stephen is the ultimate Compassionate Storyteller. He stood before his accusers and told God's story with clarity, conviction, and courage. The Compassionate Storyteller doesn't just tell people about God. They show people how God's story connects to their story. Who in your circle might benefit from seeing how their story connects to God's story? How would you connect the stories?

GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

- What is God saying to you?
- What are you going to do about it? “I will...”



ACTS: Week 10

Reaching The Unreachable: Breaking Barriers with the Gospel

Pastor Mike

June 28, 2026

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- Have you ever had Holy Spirit give you direction to do something that you weren't planning on doing? Share that experience with the group.

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

Read [Acts 8:1-8](#), [Acts 8:26-39](#)

Questions:

- What situations initiated the Gospel breaking barriers?
- Who was Phillip directed to go and preach too?
- What was Phillip's reaction when first an Angel directed him and then the Spirit directed him?
- How can we tune our ears to hear and react to the Holy Spirit?
- Read [1 Peter 3:15](#). How did Phillip exemplify this verse? What question(s) in our culture related to faith do you feel unprepared to answer? How can the group help you prepare an answer?

Practice: List all the areas where you might have an opportunity to talk to people about Jesus, be specific! Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in your lives and in ministry.

GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

- What is God saying to you?
- What are you going to do about it? "I will..."