

E100 – Life Group Questions

(You'll need to be selective!)

Week 15: The Church is Born

1 Read Acts 2:1-13

- J I Packer wrote, “:Were it not for the Holy Spirit there would be no gospel, no faith, no church, no Christianity at all.” Discuss why
- The book of Acts recounts “The Continuing Mission of the exalted Christ by the agency of His Spirit to give salvation to the Church and to the whole world.” discuss the underlined words. Is the Holy Spirit merely our assistant? Can a Christian disobey the Spirit and honour God at the same time?

2 Read Acts 2:22—24, 32—47

- What does Peter say about Jesus’ life, death and resurrection in this passage?
- Why do you think Peter felt it was important to stress this? Why did the listeners respond as they did?
- V 42-47 talk about the early lifestyle of the church. How could we take these principles and apply them in practical ways today?

3 Read Acts 4:1-3, 18—31

- Peter and John had been thrown into prison. What had they done and who had they provoked (4:1-3)?
- How did Peter and John answer the command to not speak or teach in the name of Jesus? What do you think compelled them?
- Some people say “religion may be important but it should be kept private.” Do you agree with that? Explain
- The new Church grew as people like Philip shared their faith. Have you ever shared your religious beliefs with another person? If so, what happened?

4 Read Acts 7:54—60

- What great truth is repeated in this passage? Why is this significant?
- Why was Stephen stoned?
- Today hundreds of thousands of Christians die every year as a consequence of their faith yet people still choose to follow Jesus. What makes them willing to endure that suffering?

5 Read Acts 8:1—8

- What did the church experience after Stephen’s death and what happened as a result? What is the significance of this?
- Does there always need to be persecution for great growth to happen?

6 Read Acts 11:1—18

- Luke repeats a story he already told in the previous chapter (Acts 120). What is so important about this event?