



ACTS

OF JESUS

Chapters 3-6. Sermons 9.7-9.28

Through the month of September, we'll be back in the book of ACTS in a series called "The Acts of Jesus." Use these questions in your small groups to create discussion around the current sermons. Most texts for this month will be Acts 3-5.

- In Acts 3, Peter heals a man lame from birth. How does this miracle serve as both physical restoration and a metaphor for spiritual healing? How was each restoration seen as disruptive to those who witnessed?*
- Josh Jackson's sermon on 9.7 noted that the focus of the Gospel isn't to make us "less human" but to become "best humans" (Christ-like humans). What does that mean to you? What parts of Jesus are the easiest for you to imitate? What parts are the most difficult?*
- Share a story of a time when someone's kindness or faith inspired you to become a "better human."*
- ACTS 4: Peter and John are arrested because of the message of resurrection. Why do you think resurrection is such a disruptive idea—then and now?*
- Acts 4:12 declares, "There is salvation in no one else..." How do you hear that verse—as restrictive, as good news, or both?*
- Luke shows that following Jesus often made life harder for early believers, not easier. How do you experience faith as something that complicates (rather than simplifies) your life?*



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- *The sermon on 9.14 highlights that Jesus rescues us from blindness, addiction to wealth, and self-righteousness, and other messes we make. Where do you most need Jesus' rescue right now?*
- *Who has been a "Peter or John" in your life—someone whose courage strengthened your faith?*
- *Practice/Prayer: Pray Acts 4:12 together slowly, as a declaration. End by asking God to give your group courage like Peter and John to live and speak boldly about Jesus.*
- *ACTS 5: This is one of the most unsettling stories in Acts. What makes it so hard to read?*
- *The sermon suggests the issue wasn't keeping money but deceiving the community. Why is deceit so damaging to relationships and to the church?*
- *What does this story reveal about God's seriousness about holiness and truth in His people?*
- *The sermon notes quote: "Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay." Where have you seen this play out in your life or in the lives of others?*
- *What are some small, practical ways Otter Creek can cultivate a culture of honesty, grace, and truth-telling?*