



Journey Group lesson for "Revolution" April 15, 2012

Getting Started (Everyone Answer)

When you think of the word "church" what thoughts come to mind? Are they positive, negative, or both?

In the book of Acts, we see the church as a "revolution" that changed the culture of that day by sharing the message of Jesus with everyone. When you think of today's church, do you think "revolution" is an accurate description? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper

Read Acts 1:8; 2:1-8, 12-13; 2:41; 2:47; 5:14; 6:1; 6:7; and 9:31

What do we see happening in these verses?

By AD 350, there were more than 31 million Christians (more than half the population of the Roman Empire).

Do you think the conversion of so many had a positive effect on the culture of that day? Why or why not?

Bringing It Home

The book of Acts is sometimes called "the Acts of the Holy Spirit." Look closely again at Acts 2. What role did the Holy Spirit play in so many people coming to know Jesus?

The same Holy Spirit that brought dramatic change in the book of Acts is alive today and willing to do the same for us. What do you think is standing in the way of the Holy Spirit working mightily in our lives and communities? In your life, what needs to change today for God to use you as He desires?

Spend some time praying for each other, for our church, for our communities, and for our world. Ask God to bring about a "revolution" in our day like He did in the book of Acts.