

THE STORY

A chronological journey
through the Bible

Sermon Series



Journey Group Lesson “New Beginnings” – July 28, 2013

Getting Started

Describe a time when you had something brand new and found it difficult to share with others?

Digging Deeper

Read Acts 1:8

Jesus told his followers that their ministry would occur in 4 distinct locations. How do you see God using you, your church, and the church at large to share the life-saving message of Jesus in each of the following places?

Jerusalem (your hometown/neighborhood), Judea (your surrounding community and region), Samaria (the tough places that many people avoid), and The ends of the earth (around the nation and world)

Read Acts 2:14-40

Peter was filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the message with boldness. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit filling you, moving you, and giving you strength to share the message and love of Jesus?

Read Acts 4:8-12

Peter, Stephen, and later the apostle Paul were clear that Jesus Christ was the Messiah, the only hope for salvation. How did people respond to that bold claim in the religiously diverse ancient world and how do they respond today? How do we continue sharing with boldness, even when others disagree with us?

Bringing It Home

What sorts of conflict and spiritual battle did the early Christians face as they tried to share Jesus’ message? How did they respond to persecution and resistance and how can this inspire us as we encounter people who push back against the message of God’s love?

In the DVD segment, Randy gave a snapshot of the gospel and reminded us that if we believe that Jesus was among us, lived a sinless life, died for our sins, and rose again; we can become children of God. How did you learn this truth and who did God use to share it with you?

Pray for boldness and clarity as you share the good news of Jesus with others.