

***The Amazing Acts of the Holy Spirit* Small Group Study**
November 21, 2021: Matthew 16:13-25; Psalm 111

What is your favorite song or poem? Share some of the words and why you find them meaningful.

This weekend we are reviewing the first eight chapters of Acts. What have you found most compelling in the stories of the growth and challenges the first Christians experienced?

How do Jesus' words in Acts 1:8 provide a roadmap of the entire book? Where had the apostles spread the gospel by the end of chapter 8?

Read Matthew 16:13-25. Note where Jesus was when he asked his disciples who people thought he was. Why did people think Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets?

What kind of Messiah did Peter expect Jesus would be? What did Jesus actually come to do? Why was that so surprising?

When and how did you come to recognize Jesus as your Messiah and Savior? What does it mean to you that Jesus is Lord?

Read Psalm 111. If you are reading it out loud with others, have half your group read the odd verses and the other half read the even verses, then read the last verse together.

Why is the author praising the Lord (v. 1-2)? How did God cause his works to be "remembered" (v. 4; see Exodus 23:14-17)? When did God provide food (v. 5)? When did God show power (v. 6)? What "works" of God show faithfulness and justice (v. 7)?

What do you think the writer means by the word "redemption" (v. 9)? How would you describe "the fear of the Lord" (v. 10)?

How has God worked in your recent personal history? What do you to praise God for today?

This psalm is an acrostic poem, with each line beginning with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Try writing your own acrostic poem, using the letters of the words WORKS, FEAR, or WISDOM to start the lines.