

Home Groups | Week 1 | September 10, 2017
Acts | Reflecting Jesus to our world | Acts 1:1-14

Icebreaker:

Luke writes the Gospel of Luke and tells Paul's life story in Acts. Who would you want to write your life story? What does that person know about you that you would like your group to know?

Read and discuss:

1. As you look back on this summer, in what way did you reflect the love and grace of Jesus?
2. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). Why do you think Jesus didn't have the Spirit come down immediately?
3. Jesus must go so that the Holy Spirit can come. Look at these two verses and discuss what insight they give us about the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words."

John 14:26

"However, the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. He will remind you of everything that I have ever told you."

4. If you were a disciple at that time, how would you have felt about Jesus leaving you?
5. At least one scholar thinks that being a witness (as seen in Acts 1:8) is the theme for the whole book of Acts. What does being a witness mean to you?
6. Do you find it easier to be a witness in Jerusalem (those near you) or to the ends of earth (those farther away)?
7. Why do you think Luke included Mary and certain women and Jesus' brothers (in Acts 1:14) praying and meeting with the disciples?

Prayer:

It was important for the early disciples to be in prayer together (Acts 1:14). As you are praying with your group, think about how you can encourage each other, pray for each other, and help each other to be witnesses. Also, please pray for the following needs in our church family:

> Prayers of healing for Orlin Colman.

> Prayers of comfort for the Gordon family in the death of Margaret's father and for the Bankert family in the death of Roxann's mother.

what's coming up!

Home Groups begin this week



Groups will meet the week of Sept 10 - the week of Nov 12

Followers of Jesus are called by God to be in community and fellowship with other believers to encourage, support, and challenge one another. Please consider joining a ZPC Home Group as we explore this type of community. Sign up this morning in the Gathering Space.

> Scott Shelton [scotts@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1007]

ZPCMen Fall Study

Sundays | Sept 10-Oct 22 | 9-10 am | Room 209

Join ZPCMen as they study *All the Places to Go* by John Ortberg. Take a look at the countless open doors God places before us every day and how to recognize them.

> Greg Rankin [greg@deeringdowntown.com]

2nd Half Adventurers evening event

Tuesday, Sept 12 | 6-8:15 pm | Gathering Space | Cost: \$10

Please join the Second Half Adventurers for our September event as we welcome The Singing Contractors. Get more information and sign up in the Gathering Space this morning.

> Barb Luther [barbarawluther@gmail.com; 317.669.7073]

Men's ThursdayAM Study

Thursdays beginning Sept 14 | 6:15-7:30 am | Gathering Space

All men are invited to join the Men's ThursdayAM Study as they begin exploring the Book of 1 Corinthians.

> Harry Milli [hmilli@certifiedfloor.com; 317.873.6086]

Register for Youth Inquirers

Sundays from Sept 24 - Feb 25 | 6:30 -7:30 pm | Room 205

Youth Inquirers (YI) is a membership class intended for 6th graders to explore God through Christian theology and focus on how to live as a disciple of Jesus.

Even if membership isn't of interest, we recommend attending YI as a way to plug-in and learn or review the basics of Christianity. Sign up at zpc.org.

> Kristin Lehr [kristinl@zpc.org]

Join us for The Journey!

Starting Oct 4 | Wednesday evenings | All are welcome

The Journey is an extended conversation about God, ourselves, and where we fit in God's plan. Ready to dive into the epic story God is writing in your life? Want to know more? Visit us in the Gathering Space.

> Sally Eisbrenner [sallyeisbrenner@att.net; 317.294.0130]

Fall Great Banquets are coming

Men's Banquet #121 | Thursday, Sept 28- Sunday, Oct 1

Women's Banquet #122 | Thursday, Oct 5 - Sunday, Oct 8

This 72-hour on-site retreat explores God's grace and developing personal Christian discipleship in a worshipful setting of talks, discussion, prayer, great food, friendship, and fun. Taking reservations now!

> Clay and Karen Barnes [zionsvillegb@gmail.com; 317.873.8137 x1098]

Reflecting Jesus

ACTS


in our world

welcome

Thanks for being here!

Sunday, September 10, 2017 | 9 & 10:30 am

Called together by God to make disciples and release them for service in our broken world.

 listen to last week's message at zpc.org/sermon



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Church office hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

worship

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Notes:

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

Prayer : If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove by the cross after the service. It would be our privilege to pray on your behalf.

who we are

Our focus is to become and make life-long learners of Jesus through:

- 1. Creating a Caring Community
- 2. Centering Our Worship and Study on Christ
- 3. Encouraging Hands-on Missions

Thank you for coming to ZPC! We would love to get to know you. We encourage you to record your attendance on the welcome pad at today’s worship. Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Especially if this is your first time with us, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and even deliver a yummy treat!

Join us in the Gathering Space before and after services. Want a name tag? Sign up at the Welcome Center.

the week ahead [zpc.org for more] 2017

Sunday, September 10
ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | ninth-twelfth grades | Youth Center

Monday, September 11
Intercessory Prayer Team | 9-10 am | Chapel
ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 | Gym

Tuesday, September 12
Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

Wednesday, September 13
Faithful Mom’s Bible Study | 9:30-11:30 am | Room 201
Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Thursday, September 14
Thursday Men’s Bible Study | 6:15 -7:30 am | Gathering Space
LifeChanges | 9:30-11”15 am | Chapel

Friday, September 15
MOPS | 9:30-11:30 am
Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Sunday, September 17

Children
Nursery Care | 9 and 10:30 am | birth - age three | check in at the Children’s Welcome Center
Children’s Classes | 9 and 10:30 am | age four - fourth grade | check in at the Children’s Welcome Center or in the Gathering Space.

Students
Middle School Ministry [ZPCMSM] | 9 am | Room 205 [fifth - eighth grades]
High School Ministry [ZPCHSM] | 6 pm | Youth Center [ninth - twelfth grades]

Adults
ZPCMen’s Fall Study | 9 am | Room 209 [Ortberg’s *All the Places to Go*]
Study with Jim Livengood | 9 am | Room 201
Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 201

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:20

ZPC Stewardship Update: [6/1/17-9/3/17]

YTD Budget: \$ 542,106

YTD Offering: \$ 568,085

Last Service Attendance: 463

opportunities to pray, serve, and give

Serving on Sunday morning at ZPC
Sunday mornings are an important connection time for ZPC! Our usher ministry and donut ministry need volunteers to help provide a welcoming atmosphere for both old and new ZPCers. Please consider serving in one of these important areas with your Home Group, family, or on your own.
> Karen Lankton-Schmidt [lankton@indy.rr.com; 317.733.1643]

Disaster Relief for Texas
Consider standing in the GAP (Give, Act, Pray) for those who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Send monetary donations to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
Designate gifts to DR000169-Harvey. You can also give online or by phone: presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY; 800.872.3283

Merry Christmas!?!
Cantata rehearsal | Wednesdays | 7 pm | Worship Arts Room
Choir Director Don Nieman states that he loves Christmas and can sing carols all year long. So it’s with much yuletide cheer that he is inviting you to Christmas Cantata rehearsals, in full swing beginning this Wednesday! Please join us to *Deck the Halls* with song!
> Don Nieman [donn@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1009]

Prayer for Middle East & North Africa
Thursday, September 14, 2017 | 7:45-8:30 am | Chapel
Join us as we pray for our mission partners and others serving in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). It’s a special time to lift them up in prayer.
> Philana Cunningham [philanac@gmail.com; 317.507.8219]

Is God calling you to Barcelona, Spain?
Sunday, Sept 17 | Between services | Gathering Space
Seems early to think about May of next year; however, it’s never too soon to beginning praying to see if God is calling you to a short-term mission to Barcelona, Spain. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space and grab some information.
> Philana Cunningham [philanac@gmail.com; 317.507.8219]

Cultural Awareness Training
Tuesday, Sept 26 | 7-8:30 pm | Chapel
All are invited to attend this training presented by Str8up Ministries. It is intended to provide information about serving in urban ministries in order to better understand cultural differences and social and economic challenges in urban communities. No RSVP necessary. Please just join us!
> Margaret Gordon [cgqiemom@gmail.com]

prayer requests

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