

Vision Based Curriculum

Honor God ... Make Disciples

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Big Idea

The book of Acts records how the church started, grew, and spread. It is an exciting depiction of how a few unschooled followers of Jesus changed the world by boldly proclaiming His gospel to the world. In this lesson, we will look at what the church is and why we exist.

*And Peter said to them, “**Repent** and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. . . .” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. –*

Acts 2:38,41

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus’ followers came together because of their common faith. Their backgrounds, personalities, and preferences took a backseat to their belief in Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. These followers—including us—make up the church. How is our misconception of the church as a building different from what the Bible says the church is?
2. The church grew in obedience to Jesus’ command—they were not supposed to stay where they were. Instead, they were to go and make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey God. This is the story unfolding in the book of Acts. Why shouldn’t the church keep the gospel to herself? Why should we tell those far away from God about His salvation and mercy?
3. The community of believers grew in their faith by studying the apostles’ teaching, praying, and sharing life together. In the same way, we will grow as we are part of a community that seeks after God. How have you grown in your faith as you’ve been part of FC?

Prayer Focus

Thank God for the community of believers He has placed you in.

Thank Him for your pastors, leaders, and friends.

Pray that the church would always be united in fulfilling God’s purpose on earth.

Pray that the gospel would continue to be preached and more disciples would be made through the church.