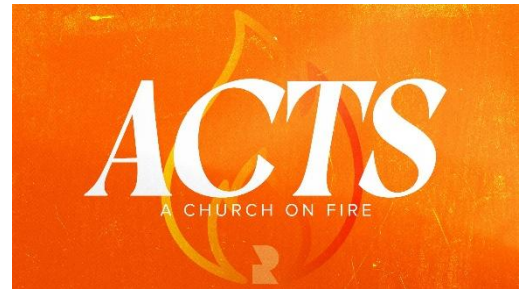


GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Church on Fire Wk 8 – Times of Refreshing – 03.01.26

Acts 3:11–4:4



About this series:

As we journey through Acts, we watch the early church come alive through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Ordinary people become bold witnesses. The gospel moves beyond comfort zones. Lives are transformed as God works through His people in ways that bring wonder, awe, and lasting change. Acts reminds us that the same God who moved then is still moving today, calling us to live as a presence-centered people right where we are.

Goals of This Week's Discussion:

- Understand the heart of biblical repentance and why it leads to freedom, not shame.
- Reflect on what it means for our sins to be fully blotted out through Jesus.
- Explore how repentance brings times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Connections with the 7 Marks of a Jesus Follower:

- **Walk in the Word** – Repentance is not behavior management but heart change that leads to renewal.
- **Live Free** – We release pride, self-justification, and hidden sin to walk in freedom.
- **Share Your Story** – A refreshed life becomes a powerful witness to the grace of Jesus.

Suggested Starter Questions:

- When you hear the word repentance, what thoughts or emotions immediately come to mind?
 - Have you ever experienced a “second wind” spiritually after confessing or surrendering something to God?
 - Why do you think repentance is often misunderstood or avoided?
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Read Acts 3:11–16

11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant^[a] Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus^[b] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Discussion:

- Why was it important that Peter refused to take credit for the miracle?
 - What does this teach us about pride and spiritual influence?
 - In your own life, how do you respond when you receive praise or recognition?
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Read Acts 3:17–19

17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

Discussion:

- What is the difference between repentance motivated by guilt and repentance motivated by love for God?
 - Why is it important that repentance includes both turning from sin and turning toward Jesus?
 - In what ways are we tempted to reshape Jesus into someone more comfortable or convenient?
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Read Acts 3:19 and reflect on Psalm 103:12 or Isaiah 43:25

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

**¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

**²⁵ “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.**

Discussion:

- Do you tend to believe your sins are fully erased, or do you still carry shadows of past failures? Why?
 - How does the image of a clean slate challenge the way you view yourself?
 - What would change in your daily life if you truly embraced complete forgiveness?
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Read Acts 3:19–21

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Discussion:

- How have you experienced spiritual dryness or distance from God?
 - Why do you think unconfessed sin can feel like a weight on our souls?
 - What might regular, ongoing repentance look like in your daily life?
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Read Acts 4:1-4

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

Discussion:

- Why do you think the message of repentance can provoke strong reactions?
 - How can we speak truth about sin and grace with both courage and compassion?
 - Where might God be calling you to boldness right now?
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Apply the Passage:

- Take time this week to sit quietly and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything you need to confess or surrender.
 - Write down a truth from Scripture about forgiveness and rehearse it when shame tries to resurface.
 - Invite God to refresh your heart daily through honest repentance and renewed trust.
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Pray:

- Thank Jesus that your sins are fully blotted out through His sacrifice.
- Ask God to give you a soft heart that quickly turns back to Him.
- Pray for times of refreshing in your own life, your group, and Revive Church as we seek His presence together.