#1 - The Power and Purpose

Acts 1:1-11

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**4 Themes to the book of Acts**

1. Acts is announcing there is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus Christ
2. Acts is describing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit
3. There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Purpose – witness for Jesus
4. There is a Vision that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of September 9, 2018

**Welcome to the Fall Growth Group Session and the Outward Acts series!**

This week kicks off the Fall Growth Group session at Foothills Bible Church. We are excited that you are in a G2 and are praying that you have a great time with your group as we begin to focus outward together!

If you didn’t get a chance to join a Growth Group yet, go online or give the church a call this week and we’ll help you get plugged in.

Your first meeting will include refreshments, a chance to get acquainted or catch up, and some time to discuss your G2 Commitment and the Growth Group Questions (G2Qs). The G2Qs are a little shorter this week to allow your group to do this.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Spend some time getting to know each other. Even if your group was together last year, take this time to catch up and share something new about yourself!

1. Each person share:

* Your name and some family information
* What kept you busy over the summer
* One fun memory you made over the summer

2. What are some of your favorite things about the fall?

Growth Group commitment

Growth Groups thrive on participation, trust, and knowing what to expect. Take time as a group to discuss the Growth Group Commitment and review the purpose of G2 (on the back). Even if you have done this before, it’s always good to review it and recommit to each other so that everyone is on the same page.

Digging Deeper

After discussing your plans and commitments as a Growth Group, here are a few questions to talk through as a group:

Foothills Bible Church, where:

**Everyone is welcome**

**Because nobody is perfect**

**And God has big plans for your life**

1. What gets you excited about this vision? Why?
2. What makes you nervous about this vision? Why?
3. Read the following verses that show how our vision statement flows from the heart of God:

**Everyone is welcome**

Matthew11:28 – Who is Jesus inviting to come to Him?

Luke 19:10 – Who did Jesus come to seek and save?

Romans 1:16 – Salvation is available to whom?

**Because nobody is perfect**

1 John 1:8 – Is anyone perfect and without sin?

1 Timothy 1:15-16 – How does this passage combat the perception that a person must be

perfect to be a Christian?

Romans 7:18-19 – How does Paul describe his battle with sin and the flesh?

**And God has big plans for your life**

What is God’s big plans for every believer?

Romans 12:2 –

Acts 1:8 –

Romans 12:6-8 –

Ephesians 2:10 –

1. How did your answers change to questions #1 and #2 after reading the above passages?