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## Acts: Let's Talk

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This Grace@Home Let's Talk Guide provides discussion questions and activities that you may use to facilitate conversations about God and His Word in your home. The focus is on those chapters that are most likely to promote meaningful conversations for all ages of family members.

### Acts 1

Jesus' ascending into heaven would have been big news. Act as a newscaster, describing the day's events (relax, be silly, have fun together).

#### Questions

1. What charge did Jesus give to His followers? What did they need to wait for first?
2. What is your "Jerusalem?" What is your "Samaria?" Tip: you may want to pull out an atlas to find the places from the Bible and then personalize for your family.
3. How will Jesus return to Earth someday?
4. Who replaced Judas as the 12th apostle?

### Acts 2

Draw a picture of what you think any part of Pentecost looked like. (Adults, you too!)

#### Questions

1. What amazing event happened on the day of Pentecost? Why do you think God had this miracle happen?
2. Who preached the main message in this chapter? How did the Holy Spirit help him overcome his weaknesses exhibited right before Jesus died?
3. What weaknesses can the Holy Spirit help you overcome so you can be His messenger?
4. According to the last few verses of this chapter, what was the early church like? Which, if any, of these characteristics does your church have? Explain.

## Acts 3

Faith in Jesus' name healed and strengthened many people. Using any art, craft, or food supplies you want, write the name of Jesus.

### Questions

1. What is the first thing Peter did when he met the lame man? How well do you do this toward people in need?
2. What did the lame man do when he was healed? How did that affect those in the temple?
3. The healing of the lame man was just an opportunity for Peter and John to then do what?
4. What events in your life can God use for you to share the gospel with others?

## Acts 4

Share with each other what situations make it difficult for you to speak of Jesus. Practice by worshipping boldly together as a family. One song with which to worship could be "Our God" by Chris Tomlin:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYJfuFQe4cc>

### Questions

1. Were the religious leaders happy that Peter and John taught about Jesus? Why or why not?
2. How many ways are there to salvation?
3. What did the religious leaders tell Peter and John to do moving forward?
4. How did they respond? What would you do if you were told you couldn't talk about Jesus anymore?

## Acts 8

The sorcerer wanted to pay for the Holy Spirit, but He cannot be bought. What other things can God give you that you could never buy? Write a list and thank God for those things He has freely given to you.

### Questions

1. What do we know about Saul in this chapter? Would you want to be friends with him? Why or why not?
2. What words would you use to describe Phillip's character? Would you want to be friends with him? Why or why not?
3. How did Phillip help the eunuch? How did he start a spiritual conversation with him?
4. How could you start a spiritual conversation with someone during your daily activities?

## Acts 9

Pretend you are Saul right before he leaves for Damascus. What kinds of things do you think he would say to his family as he was preparing to leave?

### Questions

1. Who spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus? What did He tell Saul to do?
2. What did God tell Ananias to do? If you were him what would you have been feeling? What excuses might Ananias have given?
3. Why were the disciples afraid of Saul? Who was the first to be a friend to Saul? What would you have done?
4. If Tabitha was a follower of God, why did He allow her to die? What effect did her resurrection have on the town?

## Acts 10

What food do you think is really gross? What if God said you needed to eat it in order for some people to be willing to listen to you tell them about the gospel? Would you eat it?

### Questions

1. What did God tell Cornelius? Was Cornelius a Christian at the start of the chapter?
2. What did God tell Peter to do? Why was this so hard for this Jewish man?
3. How was Peter's vision related to the request for him to visit Cornelius?
4. God does not prefer some people over others, but we often do, especially those who are different from us. Pray for those groups of people that you tend to judge, avoid or dislike and ask God to change your heart about them.

## Acts 12

Peter was imprisoned for his faith and saved by the constant prayer of the church. There are people now, all over the world, in prison for their faith. Take a look at the map at <http://www.christianfreedom.org/persecuted-christians-map/> and spend a few minutes praying for them.

### Questions

1. What did the church do while Peter was in prison?
2. How did Peter escape? Do you think it strange that the angel had to hit Peter to wake him up? Does it seem like Peter was scared in his situation? What would you have been feeling?
3. How did the people respond at the house where Peter went after prison? Are you ever surprised when God answers your prayers?
4. Why did God kill Herod? Do you think most of the famous people today are giving God the glory for their success? Why or why not?

## Acts 14

Pretend you are the man from Lystra who was healed. Write a letter to a friend telling them about your miraculous experience. Why do you think you were healed? What will you do now?

### Questions

1. When Christians are bold to share the gospel, people usually respond in one of two ways. What are those ways, as seen in the first few verses in this chapter?
2. Who did the people mistake Paul and Barnabas for and why? How did these two men respond?
3. What did the Jews from Antioch and Iconium do to Paul? When Paul got up where did he go? If you were Paul where would you have gone?
4. When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch they shared all that God had done through them. If you were to gather with your church friends, how could you share that God has used you?

## Acts 16

Ask those in the family who have been baptized to talk about their experience. If you have not been baptized, what is stopping you? Do you think God is calling you to take this next step?

### Questions

1. Who appeared to Paul asking him to come to Macedonia? Who did he actually meet there? Can you think of a time God used one seemingly unrelated circumstance in your life to bring you somewhere you never thought you would go?
2. What do you think would have happened if Paul hadn't listened to God's prompting to go to Macedonia?
3. How did God use the prison stay of Paul and Silas for good?
4. If God caused an earthquake for you to escape from prison what would you have done? Why do you think Paul and Silas stayed? How can we tell what circumstances are from God and when we should act?

## Acts 17

Paul used something from the Athenian culture to start a conversation about Jesus. What is something in your culture, or current events, that you can use as a conversation starter about Jesus?

### Questions

1. When Paul arrived at a city, where was the first place he would go to teach about Jesus? Why do think that was? Which people group most often attacked Paul? Why?
2. How did God use persecution to spread the gospel around the known world?
3. What was admirable about the people of Berea when they heard the gospel? How can you be like these people?
4. How does Paul handle rejection? How do you think he stays motivated? What can you learn from Paul?

## Acts 18

Even Apollos, a learned man with thorough knowledge of the scripture, had others teach him about Jesus. Who teaches you about the Bible? Write them a thank you note for doing so.

### Questions

1. Did more Jews or Gentiles believe in Jesus at Corinth?
2. How did Jesus encourage Paul? Did you ever think that Paul might get discouraged too?
3. What things do you imagine Paul taught the church in Corinth over the 18 months he was there?
4. How did the friendship between Paul and Aquila and Priscilla grow? If you were called to go to a new place and start a church, who would you want to bring with you and why?

## Acts 20

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." For one entire day, try to give as often as you can and not ask for anything. At bedtime evaluate how the day made you feel.

### Questions

1. What happened to Eutychus?
2. Why did Paul keep visiting cities he had already been to?
3. What is Paul's goal in life? What are some of your goals?
4. What were some of the final things Paul said to the church of Ephesus? If you were leaving a friend and would never see them again, what would you say?

## Acts 21

Track all of Paul's travels on a map.

### Questions

1. Where was Paul planning to go? What warnings did he receive?
2. What was Paul's response?
3. Why were some Jews angry with Paul?
4. List the order of events from the time Paul went to the temple until the time he asked to speak to the mob. Can you imagine going through all of that in one day? What attitude did Paul seem to have toward the Jews? How do you think you would have felt?

## Acts 22

Write a story, a comic strip, or act out verses 2-21.

### Questions

1. How does Paul start his speech to the mob? Why do you think he starts this way?
2. Paul tells of meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus. How did his traveling companions experience this event differently?
3. At what point did the Jews stop listening to Paul's speech? Why? Do you ever stop listening to someone when they start talking about a certain topic? If so, what?
4. What different rights do Roman citizens have from other people? How did God use that to Paul's advantage? What is unique about you that God can use for His good?

## Acts 25

Agrippa says, "I would like to hear the man myself." If you could talk to any human on Earth or in heaven who would it be? Why?

### Questions

1. What was Paul's crime? To whom did he appeal?
2. What do you think Festus thought of Paul? Why?
3. What do you think Paul was thinking and doing while in prison waiting to go to Rome?
4. Think about all you know of Paul's life – conversion, starting churches, being rejected, and prison. What part do you think would be the hardest to live out and why?

## Acts 26

Paul's story makes Agrippa consider becoming a Christian. Could you tell someone why you believe in Jesus in two minutes? Practice giving and timing your testimonies.

### Questions

1. Why is Paul happy according to the start of the chapter?
2. Paul is telling his testimony [story] again like he did in chapter 22. In what ways are his stories the same? How are some of the details different?
3. What does Festus think of Paul's story?
4. What does Agrippa think? What kinds of reasons do people give for not becoming a Christian? How could you respond to these arguments?

## Acts 27

Today you will read how people on a ship had to throw cargo overboard so that the ship wouldn't sink. If you had to get rid of almost everything you owned what would you have the hardest time throwing away?

### Questions

1. What warning did Paul give concerning the ship? Did people listen?
2. What happened?
3. How did Paul encourage the men? What can we learn about God and His mercy even when we don't listen to His advice?
4. How did the actions of one man – Paul – change the direction and attitude of the ship? How might God want you to lead where you are to change the people you are around?

## Acts 28

Research a viper. What is it? You can also look up images of Malta so you can picture where Paul was.

### Questions

1. Why did the natives think Paul was a criminal? Have you ever judged someone based on their current circumstances?
2. What good thing came from Paul's trial? How can this story teach you to be careful with how you judge someone?
3. Although he was a prisoner, what did Paul get to do in Rome? Was his method different from any of his other mission trips? Explain. What was the response?
4. If you were imprisoned for over two years far from home for no real crime, what would you do?