



Discussion Questions for *Action Points from the Acts of Jesus*  
Week of June 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Warm Up** How did your study of **Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians** this past week minister to you personally? If you didn't read these books, take a few minutes to thumb through them and identify what kinds of 'attitudes under adversity' you can find.

- Home Groups at 'the shoreline' exist to help people experience **spiritual transformation in Jesus Christ** by living in authentic community and learning to love God and others more deeply. As you consider our recent study in the book of **Acts**, answer this question honestly as a group: "How will our lives be different as a result of studying this book?"
- On Sunday George shared about being steadfast in the fellowship of the saints.
  - What does this mean practically?
  - Does your group find this challenging? Why or why not?
  - How might your group take steps to meet more consistently, or at least improve the quality of your meeting times when you get together? In short, just ask the question, "how might our group grow in becoming all that God intends for it to be?"
- Listed below are a few essential elements that Home Group members should strive toward. How do you feel you do with these both personally and as a group in general?
  - **Protecting Time With Jesus:** Personal accountability to abide in Christ and His Word. Every individual and group as a whole is benefited when those involved are vigilant to daily stay connected with Jesus (Jn. 15:5)
  - **Thinking Life Change:** Keep transformation the main thing. Growing up in Christ means that our lives *will* change over time. Is this happening in your life and group right now? (2 Cor. 3:17-18)
  - **Cultivating Relationships:** Be *regular* and *intentional* about building relationships within your group. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - **Promoting Participation:** Shared participation creates broader ownership of the group. (Ephesians 5:21)

- **Providing Care:** *THE* primary way we provide care within the body of Christ is *through* Home Groups. Are we a group where this is a reality? Why or why not? (1 Peter 4:8-10)
- **Being On Mission Together:** Serve together. Jesus was the perfect model of servant-hood. We are most like Him when we are serving others. (Mark 10:45)
- In **Ephesians 4:11-16** we see some practical encouragement on what the church family should look like. In light of your discussion tonight, what key features jump out at you from these verses? How do these verses speak to our ultimate goal as Jesus' followers?

**Wrap Up:** As you close in prayer, allow gratitude for all that Jesus is doing in your group to rise to the top! Thank Him for bringing these people into your life and entrust your group fresh and new to Him again.