

## **WEEK 1- THE CHURCH**

### ***Acts 1:1-8***

1. JESUS' WORK CONTINUES THROUGH THE CHURCH
2. THE HOLY SPIRIT FUELS THE CHURCH
3. NOTHING CAN STOP THE CHURCH

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week we started a new series from the book of Acts called "This is Us". Pastor Ryan started by looking at what Jesus had to say about the church in Matt. 16:18. Jesus says that He is the one who builds this gathering of people known as the church, that the church belongs to Him and that the gates of hell will not prevail against His church. What has been your experience with church? Do these statements that Jesus made help you see the church any differently? Why or why not?
3. As we look back at the beginning of the church, Pastor Ryan talked about the importance of remembering God's faithfulness and of going back in order to go forward. What can you look back on in your life to remind you of God's faithfulness?
4. The way that Jesus continues his work of caring for hurting people, feeding hungry people and reaching lost people is through US! What are some ways we can do these types of things as a small group?
5. Jesus breaks down barriers and unites people in His church. What are some barriers we face today? Are there any preferences you have that lead to you keeping certain types of people at an arm's length?
6. In Acts 1:8 Jesus tells us what the church's mission is. We are to be his witnesses. How does this look in your life? How do you go about bearing witness to who Jesus is and what he has done?
7. None of us are as good as we want to be at being witnesses. What are some challenges you face when it comes to telling other people about Jesus? Have you ever had a bad experience when telling someone about Jesus? Have you ever had a bad experience when someone else was telling you about Jesus? Has anything in particular helped you overcome these challenges?