



## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

### *Lesson 4: The Early Church and Their Role as God's People—Acts 2; 4:32-37*

#### ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?  
How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?  
How is this the world's story?*

#### PRAYER

*Merciful God, we humble ourselves before You today. We ask that You would make Your presence known in our lives today.*

*May your Holy Spirit invade our lives in such a way that our thoughts and actions are in line with You.*

*Where we fall short, we are truly sorry. Forgive us, we pray. We repent and turn to You, leaving our sin behind and looking ahead to new days.*

*Renew our lives to the glory of Your name. Amen.*

#### WEEKLY PRACTICE

Find a person in either the group or outside of the group and create a list of both of your “frequently left undone” items in your life. Perhaps you do not say sorry and seek forgiveness. Perhaps you walk past the homeless person each day without saying hello. Maybe you don't give generously to those who need it and you know you should. With this list, commit with your teammate to actually do something about the things you normally leave undone. Journal your experience in a paragraph or less and share your experience with the group next time you meet.

#### BECOMING MY STORY

*1 John 1:9*

*James 5:16*

*Acts 17:30*

*Psalms 38:5*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Acts 2 and 4:32-37, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Acts 2 and 4:32-37?*

*How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Acts 2 and 4:32-37?*

*What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages you might know related to Acts 2 and 4:32-37 and read them this week, journaling as you go.

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