

# CATALYST CHURCH

## LEADER GUIDE

ACTS: THIS IS HOW WE CHANGE THE WORLD

### OUR CULTURE IS HUMBLE, HUNGRY, AND HEALTHY //

- Life Group Member Feedback Forms were sent out to all your group members this week. Please encourage them to complete the forms as soon as they can. Your encouragement may be the nudge they need to complete it and help make the groups process better for everyone.
- May 4th: [The Well Women's Event](#) will take place LIVE at BOTH [Richlands](#) and [Jacksonville](#) Campuses. This year we are welcoming [Chrystal Evans Hurst](#) to speak here at Catalyst. Chrystal Evans Hurst is the best-selling author of *She's Still There* and co-author of *Kingdom Woman*, with her father Dr. Tony Evans. She reaches a wide audience speaking at conferences, sharing on her blog and podcast, and teaching and leading women in her home church and around the world. This event is also looking for men to assist with the Kids Care effort. If the men in your Life Group have questions about what it entails, have them reach out to the Groups Director, [Carlos Alfonso](#).
- March 23rd at 9:30a - Groups Gathering at Catalyst Church. Feel free to bring any of your Group Members who may be feeling the call to lead others to discipleship in Jesus. Please register anyone who will be attending [here](#) so we can adequately prepare.

### WE ARE CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSUMERS //

One of our Local Mission Partners, [Philippians Place](#), is relocating their retail store to a new building and they are conducting a fundraiser to help them offset some of the costs they will be taking on.

Collect pennies and other change to donate for these specific purposes:

- Wood to build shelves
- Paint to repaint bathrooms, walls, trim, and floors - Wood and screws for wall décor
- Shelving for storage
- Split Unit for AC & Heat in our Donation Room
- New Signs on the Building & by the Street

If you would like to contribute, take your pennies and other change to:

901 Henderson Drive, Mon—Sat 10am-4pm or at our Program Office or 1038 Henderson Drive, Mon—Fri 8:30am-3pm.

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The Family Ministry Team is looking for people with hearts to serve. This year Easter will fall earlier than usual on March 31st.

We're asking Life Groups to pray about volunteering in the Kids environment for at least one service to allow as many children as possible the opportunity to hear God's Word on their level. You get to decide which age group you would like to serve in and what day & time would be best for you. Serving as a Life Group could make it an even better relationship-building experience for everyone.

Click [here](#) for the Jacksonville campus

Click [here](#) for the Richlands campus

# BOOK OF ACTS // WEEK 25

## *TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN*

Jason Brinker - 03/17/24

### GROWING TOGETHER

- Share a moment from your early days as a Christian or in your faith journey that you now look back on with a mix of amusement and humility due to your “I want to turn the world upside down” energy.

### GROWING WITH GOD

Read [Acts 17:1-9](#), [Genesis 22:2](#), [Isaiah 53:3-11](#), [Psalm 22:1; 14-18; 31](#) aloud and go over your sermon notes with one another. (Answer all or some of the questions)

Acts 17:6 tells us that Paul and Silas were being searched for by “jealous Jews” because they were “turning the world upside down”. They were saying things to anyone who would listen about the hope they have in Jesus Christ.

- **Reflecting on the accusation against Paul and Silas, how can our lives as Christians today turn the world upside down for Jesus?**

Paul returned to Synagogue three Sabbath’s in a row according to Acts 17:2-3. He did three things -“he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead ...”

- **How does Paul’s determination to share the Gospel for three weeks straight inspire us to keep spreading the message of Christ, even when faced with challenges or rejection?**
- **What practical strategies can we adopt to develop toughness and endurance in our efforts to share the Good News?**
- **How can we improve so we have an answer ready for anyone who asks?**

As one of the original Disciples of Jesus, Paul has a front-row seat to all of Jesus’ teachings, miracles, actions, and events that will ultimately turn the world upside-down. Paul clearly understood what the goal was: to proclaim the Gospel as the story of the Messiah, to reason with anyone who would listen as to who Jesus was and what He had done for all people. Paul knew the Old Testament was the story of Jesus.

- **How does understanding the significance of Jesus as the central figure in all of Scripture impact our approach to how we study the Bible?**
- **How does understanding Jesus’ significance as the central figure in all of Scripture impact our approach when we explain the Bible to others?**

We read in Genesis 22:2 how Abraham was told and not asked by God to sacrifice his son as a sign of obedience. This served as an example of a father's sacrifice of his only son for a greater and redemptive purpose.

- **In what ways does Abraham's declaration, "God Himself will provide a lamb," align itself with the message of the Gospel?**
- **How does this statement reflect the nature of God's love and His ultimate plan for redemption through Jesus Christ?**

# GROWING IN OBEDIENCE & SCRIPTURE

**Personal Bible Study Challenge:** Commit to a personal Bible study challenge for a time-period you're comfortable with, focusing on discovering Jesus in every book of the Bible. Schedule a follow-up discussion to share insights and reflections with another member in the group for accountability.

**Outreach Teams:** Form small outreach teams within the group, tasked with identifying opportunities to share the Gospel in the community. However these opportunities are exercised, these teams can actively engage in spreading the message of Jesus.

**Invitational Evangelism:** Invite others to church, especially Easter services. Prayerfully identify individuals in your circles of influence who need to hear the message of Jesus and extend a personal invitation. Write at least two names down before leaving for the evening.

Here are the two insights Pastor Jason gave us:

- 1) Jesus is the central figure in all of Scripture.
- 2) The Gospel is the story of a loving God working to restore lost people to Himself through Jesus Christ.

- If someone is feeling the Holy Spirit stirring in their heart and they are being convicted to follow Jesus, lead them to salvation with the Sinner's Prayer. While this prayer is not in the Bible, slight variations of it are commonly used to lead someone to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Sinner's Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and I repent from my sins. I invite you to come into my heart and my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# GROWING IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP

This week's song list if you'd like to worship with your group:

[The Father's House](#)

[Living Hope](#)

[Build My Life](#)

# GROWING WITH CATALYST PEOPLE

Be sure to follow Catalyst Church on all the major social media platforms for the latest information and words of encouragement.



