



Week One Acts 1: 1-3 | The Revolution of the Resurrection



REVOLUTION / revəlooSH(ə)n/

A forcible overthrow of a government or social order, in favor of a new system.

The internet's rankings of the world's greatest revolutions have never really satisfied me. To be sure there have been some amazing revolutions. But the revolution that is always missing from the list is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If in fact the Oxford dictionary's definition of revolution is correct; namely a forcible overthrow of a government or social order, in favor of a new system; then I can't think of a greater overthrown government than the kingdom of darkness or any system more powerful than the New Covenant.

That's what the resurrection of Jesus Christ has done. It has overthrown Satan's kingdom and introduced God's new system of eternal rescue through faith in Jesus His Son. That means you are part of a 2000-year-old revolution. You are a revolutionary.

Moreover, your power is not in an army, worldly weapons, or a human form of government. Your power comes from the Holy Spirit. Acts chronicles the empowering of God's revolutionaries through His Spirit. This the same Spirit that works in you today!

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share what you desire to see God do the most. Spend time in prayer asking God to do a new work in your life so He can do new acts through your life.

new acts

This is a new section in the curriculum that will ask you to discuss the REACH portion from the previous week and share how you applied the teaching to your life. Last week you were asked:

Be intentional about sharing the love of God with someone who hasn't experienced it yet. Reach out in practical, caring ways and be ready to share your story about how God has loved you

How did God open up opportunities for you to share His love!.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. Share at least three reasons why the resurrection of Jesus Christ is such a significant event. Include Scriptures to support your points. What do these points concerning Christ's resurrection mean to you personally?

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

2. Colossians 1:13 tells us that we have been conveyed out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of the Son.

In what ways does your life reflect this reality, that you are now in His kingdom? Put another way, what evidence is there that you have experienced a spiritual revolution?

3. God continues to write the book of Acts through the lives of His people. How can your home group take steps to experience a fresh work or New Acts of God's Spirit?

Take some time to share ideas (no idea is bad unless it's unbiblical). Make a list of the steps you can take together to experience the new thing that God wants to do. Spend extra time praying about this.

"The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence. Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!"

Clarence Hall



REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, remember that God's new work always begins with prayer. In your devotional time, spend extra time praying for your home group that God would refresh your hearts, and lead you in being used for His glory.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear what God showed you in prayer and how hearts in your home group have been refreshed and strengthened.