

## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

## **ACTS 1:1-4 // THE INTRODUCTION**

- What's your favorite story that eventually got a "backstory" treatment? How did your understanding of the first story change once you knew the background?
- In what ways is the book of Acts the backstory for the church?
- Pastor Joey asked and answered three questions in his sermon. How would you answer these?
  - o What is the book of Acts?
  - Who is the main character of the book of Acts?
  - What's the point of the story in Acts?
- If the book of Acts is a "theological history" (not an epic or an adventure story), how should we read and understand the book?
- What might the author, Luke, be trying to communicate about the church?
- Since the main character of Acts is the risen and exalted Jesus Christ and what he's continuing to do and teach in the Church through the Holy Spirit, how does that affect the way we understand Acts?
- What's the point of the whole story of Acts? What's the church driving toward?
- When you think about the history of Faith Church, do you think of Faith as part of a two-thousand-year-long story? Or just as a 60-year story of one group of people in one place? How might that different perspective change the way we think about what Faith Church is called to be and do in Indianapolis?
- Pastor Joey said that each of us is "part of what Jesus is continuing to do and teach about the Kingdom of God." How does that change the way you relate to the church and to the people in your community?

