

Characters

Week 4

Main Idea

To find our role in God's story as a church, we need to both proclaim and demonstrate God's Word.

Starter

What is the best movie you've seen recently?

Discuss

How would you rate your level of involvement in serving with the church? How do you think the pandemic has impacted your engagement?

1 (never) _____ 5 (sometimes) _____ 10 (often)

Scripture

Have someone in your group read [Acts 4:31-35](#) and someone read [Acts 6:1-7](#).

- What is most encouraging and challenging about the example of the first Christians in Acts?
- Why are demonstrating the Gospel and preaching the Gospel both important?
 - What happens if one or the other does not happen?
 - What is the result when they are both happening in a healthy way?
- How has God grown your faith by serving in an uncomfortable or challenging situation?
- What is an area of need you see in the church that you believe God has called you to make a difference in?

Encourage your group that everyone matters in serving in God's mission. There is a place for everyone to make a difference. If you're not sure where to start, you can find the list of roles at your campus and jump in! You can find all the roles for [your campus here](#).

As we close this series, we want to encourage you to spend some time in prayer and reflection about how God is calling you to step into your role in His story.

- What is one truth about God or yourself that has impacted you from this series?
- What is one step of faith God is leading you to take to serve others more like Jesus?
- Who is one person God is leading you to invite to serve along with you and to invest more in?

Apply

Have everyone share the truth and step of faith they believe God wants them to embrace.

Spend time praying about the following things as a group:

- For the church to grow in unity and obedience to God's Word and a heart for developing others.
- For your group to demonstrate the Gospel in your daily life and through the church.
- For God to raise up leaders to reach and disciple the next generation through family and student ministries.