

# “Acts 29: The Story Continues” Group Study

2023 Global Sunday, **October 8, 2023**

Passage: Acts 1:8; Revelation 7:9

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## ICEBREAKER:

1. If you could instantly travel to somewhere else in the world, where would you go and why?

## As a way to get into the study, go back over the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

Finding your place in the story:

- **Embrace** your **identity** as a Global Christian.
- **Make** room for your global **family**.
- **Look** through the **lens** of the Kingdom of God.
- **Live** to turn the world upside down.



## Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

2. Read Genesis 17:5; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; and Revelation 7:9
3. Have multiple people within your group use their own words to summarize what these Scriptures reveal about God’s heart.



## Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

4. Considering the story of Jesus did not begin on the soil of the United States, rather the Middle East and spread from there, we are to think of our Founding Fathers of the Christian faith in a global sense. Share with the group how this statement impacts you.
5. We live in a time when much all around us is explainable. Define the word 'supernatural'. Why or why not, is it important to embrace the supernatural aspect of living a life of faith.
6. Acts 1:8 revealed that Jesus asks His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit. What it is that the Holy Spirit brings those whom He lives within. List as many characteristics as possible.
7. Now read Acts 7:54-60, the story of Stephen. What does this reveal that waiting can look like in the life of a believer?
8. EFCC's Vision:  
To be an inter-ethnic, inter-generational community of disciples partnering with Jesus to bring about renewal in Escondido, North County, and to the ends of the earth.

Now take a moment to self-evaluate how you are on mission with Jesus. Do you live your daily life with this Kingdom lens? Share with the group at least one way you are partnering with Jesus on His mission.



### **Joining His Mission**

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

9. EFCC supports more than 70 global missionaries and is helping to support Gospel Movements in 22 countries. Take time as a group to pray for these efforts.
10. In your own time this week, pray for guidance if God is calling you to take another baby step in partnering with Jesus on His mission.

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