



### **Look Back**

- Group Check in...as Summer approaches, what things are you looking forward to? (if everyone in your group attends CH, you can discuss thoughts and feelings surrounding "Baptism Sunday").
- From our discussion last week about community, are there any new thoughts on being part of an intentional (purposeful) community? How, this past week, did you invest in relationships in an intentional way?

### **Look Up**

Spring is upon us. With Spring, comes new beginnings. Imagine how the disciples had to feel and what they were thinking during this birth of what we call "the church age". They've walked through some serious shifts in thinking. For a time, they thought Jesus would usher in an earthly kingdom with a crown and political clout. They then watched their King tortured and crucified like a criminal; followed by 40 days with their risen King letting the reality of the Kingdom that Jesus has brought fall on them. And now, they are left to help steer this movement, this "Way". Yes, this was a start filled with hope and promise and excitement.

Of course, usually, people don't like change. They don't always like new starts. However, with Jesus, "new" starts with "hope"! Therefore, we as followers of Jesus can look at change and new starts with anticipation and hope and excitement of what Jesus is doing in and through us. As you read the passage today, try to imagine you are an observer in the story and what you would perceive as hope and new starts.

Read **Acts 3** in it's entirety:

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about people (and yourself)?
- How does this make you a better disciple of Jesus?

### **Look Forward**

- Share some "new starts" and changes you have experienced in your life. Where did you find hope? What good came out of those new starts?
- Where in your life are you feeling the need for hope? How can your community walk alongside of you through these areas?
- This week, how can you celebrate the hope we have in Jesus? Is there anyone in your life in which you need to share the hope that you have in Jesus?

Pray together.

*(SGL NOTE: ask if anyone has not been baptized yet or would like to. You might need have a discussion about that during "new starts".)*