

Series: Acts of Spirit-filled Believers
Message: A Long and Winding Road

October 18, 2026

Acts 20

A boring travelogue or love for the churches.

A miracle in the middle.

- Be in the room.
- There is a price to pay to grow,
- There is a lot of things worse than tired.

We live most of our life in the routine of life.

Our identity as passionate followers of Jesus.

Truth worth dying for - the Gospel.

Five Solas

1. Grace alone – Salvation is freely given.
(Ephesians 2:1–10)
2. Faith alone – Salvation is accepted, not accomplished.
(Romans 3:21–31)
3. Christ alone – Salvation comes from the finished work of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:16–21)
4. Scripture alone – The Bible is the final authority on all things. (Hebrews 4:12–13; 2 Timothy 3:12–17)
5. For the Glory of God alone – Everything in creation exists to make God's name great! (1 Peter 4:7–11)

Life Group Study

For week of October 18, 2026

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

We all have things we need to surrender to Jesus. What is one thing that you have difficulty surrendering to Him? Have you experienced any victories with this? Please share!

Looking back over what Jeff talked about on Sunday, was there something you'd like to share?

Connect to God's story

*On Sunday we talked about the **Five Solas** borne out of the Reformation. This week, let's read some of the passages associated with each one and talk about them: Take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion as you read the Scriptures together.*

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)

Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

What does Paul write here about grace and God's free gift of Salvation? What comes to mind when you consider that our Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done? Are you ever tempted to think of Salvation this way?

Sola Fide (Faith Alone)

Read Romans 3:21-31.

What does Paul write here about our being made right by God? How is this accomplished? Why might we be tempted to boast?

Solus Christus (Christ Alone)

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.

What does Paul write about what Jesus does for us? What does the sacrifice of Jesus do for us? Have you been made right with God through Christ? If so, please share.

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)

Read Hebrews 4:12-13 & 2 Timothy 3:12-17.

What does the writer of Hebrews and Paul's letter to Timothy tell us about the Bible being the final authority over all things. What are things we learn from this passage about what Scripture does in us? Why is it important to let Scripture have authority in our lives?

Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone)

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11.

What does Peter write here about our purpose being for His glory alone? What happens when we use the gifts God has given us to serve others rather than ourselves? Does everything you do bring glory to God through Jesus Christ? If you find yourself answering "no", what can God begin to change in you so that everything you do brings Him glory?

What dangers come when we allow someone other than the Lord have authority over our lives? Have you ever struggled with this? How do you think it happens and how can our church be a strong defense?

Spend some time together asking the Lord to help you grow in your relationship with Him. Pray for each other and conclude by reading Proverbs 3:5-8. What are one or two things you observed while reading this passage that popped out to you?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)