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WITH THE EDGE

## **June 27 – Acts 8:1-25**

*Re-read Acts 8:20*

There is a man we are introduced to here in Acts 8 named Simon. He worked as a magician or a con-man before becoming a Christian. He wanted to work miracles like Peter and the apostles, so he offered to pay Peter for the ability. Peter was outraged! The problem with Simon was that he wanted to serve God for what he would get out of it, not what he could do for the church.

What can you do for the church this week?

## **June 28 – Acts 8:26-40**

*Re-read Acts 8:35*

Phillip continues his evangelism with this high ranking official from a distant country. This had to have been a little bit scary, but Phillip boldly preaches the gospel.

How can you share the truth of the gospel with? (Even if it's a little bit scary!) Because, like with this man, you never know what God can do with your words!

## **June 29 – Acts 9:1-22**

*Re-read Acts 9:15*

Saul was a man who opposed the truth. He was there when Stephen died, holding his killer's coats. He killed Christians. But God chose to use him for his glory. We know him as Paul, the apostle and evangelist. God can save anyone!

Who are some people you doubt God could save? Pray for them today! And remember that God is powerful enough to save anyone!

## **June 30 – Acts 9:23-43**

*Re-read Acts 9:26-27*

It makes sense that most of the church was afraid of Paul. He was a really bad guy who did a lot of bad things to them before. But Barnabas was the only one with the right attitude. He brought Paul into the group.

Who are some people on the outside of Edge that you need to help bring into the group?

## **July 1 – Acts 10:1-23**

*Re-read Acts 10:13-15*

If you ever wonder why Christians aren't held to the food "rules" of the Old Testament, here is your answer! It is amazing how God provides for us as his people.

What is something you need to thank God for today that you often forget about? Pray about it!

## **July 2 – Acts 10:24-48**

*Re-read Acts 10:36*

At the beginning of the church, the people being saved consisted of only Jews. So when non-Jews started to become Christians, it was confusing to some people. Peter says that Jesus is Lord of all (that means all kinds of people). That means he is the Lord of Orange County people too.

With this in mind, how are you motivated to act towards the people you are around every day?

## **July 3 – Acts 11**

*Re-read Acts 11:23*

When Barnabas came to Antioch, he came with a purpose. He came to encourage them to be more like Christ. He calls them to be faithful.

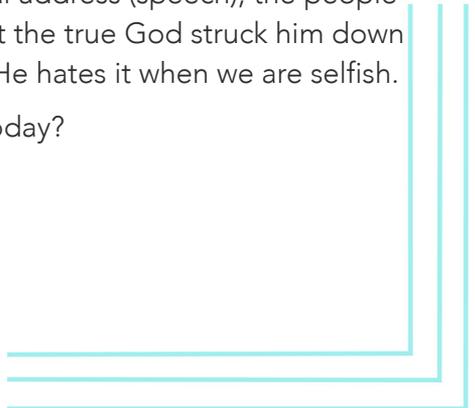
What does it look like in your life to be faithful?

## **July 4 – Acts 12**

*Re-read Acts 12:22-23*

Herod the king was a prideful man who sought to stop the apostles. As he was giving his final address (speech), the people said his voice was like a god's. But the true God struck him down and killed him. God hates pride. He hates it when we are selfish.

How can you stop being selfish today?



## **July 5 – Acts 13:1-23**

*Re-read Acts 13:10*

Paul (Saul) is speaking to Elymas (a magician) who is turning people away from God by his actions. He is trying to make people stop listening to the truth that Paul is speaking. God wants people to stand up for the truth, just as Paul does here.

How can you stand up for truth this summer?

## **July 6 – Acts 13:24-52**

*Re-read Acts 13:44*

Here in Antioch, Paul is preaching about Jesus to a group of Jews. It caused such a stir, that the next week, the whole city showed up! God does big things when we pray and do what he wants.

What are the things you need to be doing for God today? They won't go un-rewarded in the end!

## **July 7 – Acts 14**

*Re-read Acts 14:14-15*

As Paul and Barnabas travel around doing miraculous signs, many mistake them for gods. (Zeus and Hermes are two Greek gods). Instead of taking the glory for themselves, they direct it towards God. They tear their clothes because they are so upset that people were worshipping them.

How can you direct praise that you receive to God this week?

## **July 8 – Acts 15:1-21**

*Re-read Acts 15:11*

Peter and the apostles were have a big discussion on whether or not they wanted to make non-Jewish Christians to obey all the same Jewish rules. Peter reminds them that all people who are Christians are saved by the grace of Jesus through faith (the same way as anyone else). This means that they were to stop making distinctions between other Christians based on their background.

Do you show favoritism to some people at church as opposed to others based on what they look like or where they are from? Today's reading reminds us to stop thinking that way.

## **July 9 – Acts 15:22-41**

*Re-read Acts 15:32*

Judas and Silas were known for their encouragement. Are you known for encouraging people?

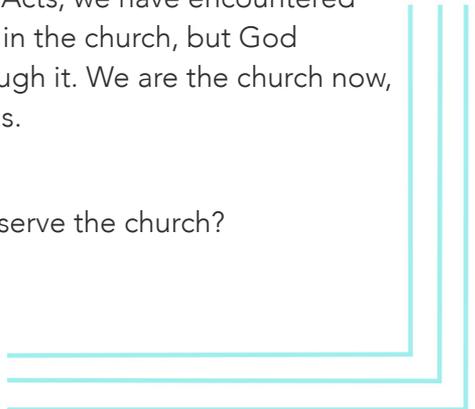
How can you do a better job lifting other up today?

## **July 10 – Acts 16:1-15**

*Re-read Acts 16:5*

Throughout the our time reading Acts, we have encountered lots of persecution and problems in the church, but God continues to do good things through it. We are the church now, and God wants to work through us.

What are YOU doing to build up/serve the church?



## **July 11 – Acts 16:16-40**

*Re-read Acts 16:25*

While in prison, probably a terribly bad one, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns! These seem like things that happy people would be doing!

How can they be joyful in such a hard time?

What are some hard things that you go through on a regular basis that give you a bad attitude?

Do you really have a reason to have a bad attitude when you look at Paul and Silas' situation?

## **July 12 – Acts 17:1-15**

*Re-read Acts 17:6*

Jason is a Christian that is known for his faith. He gets dragged before the leaders of Thessalonica. They charged him and others like him for "turning the world upside down." Two things to notice here: the first is that they take money from him and he doesn't complain. The second is that they were actually "turning the world upside down" with the gospel.

Are you turning your sports teams/classrooms/friend groups/neighborhoods upside down? And are you taking the persecution, not fighting back?

## **July 13 – Acts 17:16-34**

*Re-read Acts 17:24-25*

Paul is talking to a large group of smart people in the city of Athens (Greece) on a hill called the “Areopogus.” These people had a lot of ideas about who God was, but Paul introduces them to the one true God.

How does knowing what God is like (powerful enough to create the universe) change the way we act?

## **July 14 – Acts 18**

*Re-read Acts 18:9-11*

Jesus had a very unique relationship with Paul. He tells him here that there are people in the city of Corinth that are his people, soon to become Christians. There is a good chance that in your neighborhood, on your teams, and in your classes that there are people that are “God’s people”, and haven’t responded in repentance and faith yet.

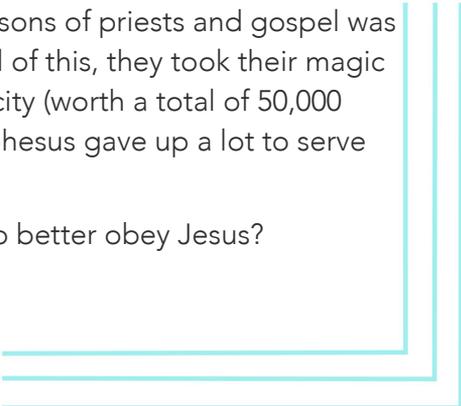
What can you do to point them in Jesus’ direction?

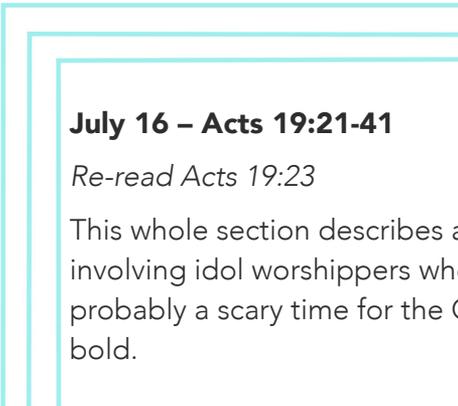
## **July 15 – Acts 19:1-20**

*Re-read Acts 19:19*

The Ephesians had seen some crazy things in this short period of time. Demons were attacking the sons of priests and gospel was being preached. In response to all of this, they took their magic supplies and burned them in the city (worth a total of 50,000 pieces of silver). The people of Ephesus gave up a lot to serve and obey Jesus.

What will you give up this week to better obey Jesus?





## **July 16 – Acts 19:21-41**

*Re-read Acts 19:23*

This whole section describes a dangerous riot in Ephesus involving idol worshippers who hated Christians. It was probably a scary time for the Christians there, but they were bold.

How can you be bold for what you believe about Jesus today?

## **July 17 – Acts 20:1-16**

*Re-read Acts 20:3*

Paul was constantly in danger from the hand of the Jews. They hated him because they saw him as a traitor. Often times, when people's lives change because of Jesus, there is a group of people who don't like them anymore.

Who are some people that don't like you because you follow Jesus?

Pray for them today!

## **July 18 – Acts 20:17-38**

*Re-read Acts 20:27*

As Paul leaves Ephesus, he talks to the leaders of the church about how they should run the church. He reminds them that he taught them “the whole counsel of God” - meaning, EVERYTHING that God has said from the Genesis to Revelation. It is important for us, as people who have the written word of God, to study all of it.

What are you reading in God’s word this week?

## **July 19 – Acts 21:1-14**

*Re-read Acts 21:13*

Of all the people who were willing to big things for God in the Bible, Paul may have done the most! It is amazing to see his boldness and readiness to share the gospel.

How far are you really willing to go for Jesus? Think about this today.

