

BEYOND SUNDAY

God's Big Story — 4.12.2026

Act 5: The Church — Mark Turney

Gather

- When you think about “church,” what has most shaped your experience—people, a moment, or a season?

Grow

Read the following passages together:

1. Read Acts 2:1–4

- What stands out to you about how the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost?
- What does it mean that the same Spirit who raised Jesus now fills God's people?
- How does this shift faith from something we observe to something we participate in?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 12

- What does it look like for the church to function like a body?
- Why do you think interdependence (needing each other) is so central to God's design?
- Where do you see yourself in the “body”—what role or gift might you bring?

3. Read Ephesians 2:19–22

- What does it mean that we are being “built together” into a dwelling place for God?
- How is this different from thinking of faith as just “me and God”?
- What stands out about God choosing to dwell in a people rather than a place?

4. The Purpose of the Church

Reflect on the four areas of healing mentioned in the sermon:

- Relationship with God
- Relationship with others
- Inner healing
- Healing in the world

5. Which of these do you see most clearly in your life right now? Which feels most needed?

Give / Go

- **How does this apply?**

Where might you be tempted to treat faith as individual or private rather than something lived out with others?

- **What does this mean for your group in particular?**

How can your group more intentionally become a place where people:

- Come out of hiding?
- Experience belonging?
- Find healing?
- Live with purpose?

- **A faithful step this week:**

What is one concrete step you can take to participate in the life of the church (not just attend)?

(Examples: initiate a deeper conversation, serve, invite someone in, confess honestly, pray with someone, etc.)

Prayer

Direction for Prayer:

Pray that your group would become a community where God's healing is real and visible—personally and collectively.

Prayer Question:

How can we be praying for one another this week as we seek to be the church, not just attend it?

Going Deeper

If you'd like to explore this week's themes further:

- **Video:** Acts 1-12: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/acts-1-12/>
- **Practice:** Share a meal this week with someone from church and intentionally ask deeper questions
- **Book:** Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer: <https://a.co/d/00FZ3jke>