Introduction:

In the early days of the Church, miracles were expected and growth was constant. Today, we worship the same God, but we don't always expect the same results. Our God has not changed, but we have. Through the book of *Acts* we are able to get a glimpse of how those early believers lived out their faith and to consider how we might emulate them. What if we refocused our energy on what really matters? What if the Lord added to our number daily? *What if*?

Scripture:

Acts 5:14 - "Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number."

John 13:34 - "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why are you here? How did you come to be a part of this group, in this place, at this time?
- 2. As you have grown closer to Jesus, what changes have you seen in yourself?
- 3. What changes do you think other people notice?
- 4. How does your growth affect the people around you?
- 5. If someone asked you how they should go about growing closer to Jesus, what would you recommend?

Take the Next Step:

The key to growth happening on the Church-level is growth happening on the individual-level. What step could you take that would make it easier for others to know Jesus?