THE CHURCH UNLEASHED

Life Group Discussion Guide

WEEK 2	A FAITHFUL CHURCH
KEY SCRIPTURES Acts 7	**MAIN IDEA** A faithful church listens to the Holy Spirit, follows Jesus courageously, and forgives others—even when it is costly.

30-MINUTE GUIDE · Use the questions as a guide, not a script. Prioritize honest conversation and the next step God may be inviting each person to take.

1. START HERE — CONNECT

- Share about a time when you did the right thing even though it was difficult or unpopular. What motivated you to keep going?

2. DIG IN — UNDERSTAND

- Stephen confronted religious people who were more focused on a place, tradition, or system than listening to the Spirit. In what ways can you relate to being tempted to hold onto what's familiar rather than following where God may be leading?
    - Can you think of an area in your life or faith where you might be resisting change, or where God might be inviting you to trust Him more?
- Stephen forgave those who were killing him, echoing Jesus' prayer from the cross. Why is forgiveness so central to following Jesus?
    - What's challenging about forgiving those who have hurt us—especially when it isn't fair or easy?
- Elisabeth Elliot returned to the people who killed her husband to share the message of forgiveness. What does this example teach us about the difference between avoiding bitterness and pursuing Christlike love?

3. GO DEEPER — REFLECT

- What is one way you might listen more closely to the Holy Spirit this week—whether that's being open to change, stepping out in faith, or offering forgiveness?
- How could Calvary (as a church or as Life Groups) embody being "unleashed"—faithfully loving others, forgiving freely, or going where Jesus leads, even when it's costly?

4. RESPOND — APPLY

- In what areas of your life might God be inviting you to surrender more deeply, to trust Him even when it costs you comfort, reputation, or ease?
- How can you encourage or support someone else who is walking through difficult circumstances or facing pressure because of their faith?

MY NEXT STEP

What is one specific, practical step you can take this week in response to this message? (Examples: forgive someone, listen for the Spirit's prompting, step out in faith, serve someone sacrificially, let go of a comfort or tradition that is holding you back.)

5. PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray for courage and openness to follow the Holy Spirit's leading, even when it is difficult or stretches you beyond your comfort zone.
- Ask God for the grace to forgive those who have hurt you, choosing Christlike forgiveness over bitterness.
- Invite Jesus to help you be a faithful witness of His love in your actions, relationships, and words this week.