

## Week 4: Growth

Share that you'll be praying today for entire households to come to faith in Turkey, just as Lydia and Cornelius were saved together with their households in the book of Acts.

### **Song & Praise: 10 min**

Begin in worship, fixing your eyes on Jesus as you sing "There is a Name":  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g48RmZEXGeE>

After the song is over, invite the group into a time of short prayers of adoration, pouring out praise for Jesus and his name that is higher than every other name.

### **Remembering His Works: 10 min**

Lead the group in a time of praising God for the works He has done, recounting the miracles and wonders recorded in Scripture. With short, focused prayers, praise God for specific things He has done.

Ex: *"God, thank you that you are the God who parted the Red Sea so that your people could walk through on dry land. Nothing is too difficult for you!"*

### **Saul to Paul conversions: 15 min**

*Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. Acts 9:18*

*But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. Acts 20:24*

After reading these verses, spend 2 minutes in listening prayer, asking God who the "Sauls" are in Turkey, those women and men who after being saved will give their lives to the task of telling others about the Good News. Perhaps God will highlight to you specific people or groups of people who will be significant in seeing movements begin in Turkey. Pray into the things God shows you, and as you pray over the "Sauls" of Turkey, take time to agree together in faith that even today the scales will fall from their eyes after they encounter Jesus.

### **Households of Peace: 15 min**

*They said, "We were sent by Cornelius, a Roman officer. He is a devout and God-fearing man, well respected by all the Jews. A holy angel instructed him to summon you to his house so that he can hear your message.... Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. Acts 10:22, 24.*

*Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. Acts 10:44*

*One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. She and her household were baptized... Acts 16:14a*

*The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." ...Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. Acts 16:29-31,33.*

After reading these accounts of divine encounters and miraculous group conversions in the book of Acts, take time to pray these Scriptures over Turkey. Ask that God would be at work, doing these same miracles (and even greater works!) all across Turkey. Agree together in faith that groups and households coming to faith together would become the new norm in Turkey!

### **Song & Thanksgiving:**

Sing "Lord of the Harvest" over Turkey, believing together for an unprecedented harvest in this nation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Omeea0HPxl8>

Close with prayers of thanksgiving for all that God will do in Turkey.