Glossary for Week 5: The Acts of the Apostles and the Early Church

1. **Apostle** – A messenger and witness of Jesus Christ, chosen to spread the Gospel (Acts 1:8).
2. **Antioch** – The city where believers were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).
3. **Barnabas** – A companion of Paul known as the "Son of Encouragement" (Acts 4:36).
4. **Baptism** – A public declaration of faith in Jesus, symbolizing spiritual cleansing (Acts 2:38).
5. **Caesarea** – A Roman city significant in Paul's missionary work (Acts 23:23).
6. **Cornelius** – A Gentile centurion whose conversion signified the Gospel's reach to non-Jews (Acts 10:1-48).
7. **Council of Jerusalem** – A meeting to address Gentile inclusion in the church (Acts 15:6-29).
8. **Damascus** – The city where Saul encountered Christ and was transformed into Paul (Acts 9:3-6).
9. **Deacon** – A servant-leader appointed to care for practical needs in the church (Acts 6:3).
10. **Diaspora** – Jews living outside Israel who were significant in spreading the Gospel (Acts 2:9-11).

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11. **Elders** – Leaders in the early church responsible for teaching and guidance (Acts 14:23).
12. **Ephesus** – A major city where Paul established a church and faced opposition (Acts 19:1-41).
13. **Ethiopian Eunuch** – A high official baptized by Philip, symbolizing the Gospel's global reach (Acts 8:26-39).
14. **Evangelism** – The proclamation of the Gospel message (Acts 8:4).
15. **Felix** – A Roman governor who presided over Paul's trial (Acts 24:22).
16. **Festus** – The governor who succeeded Felix and also judged Paul's case (Acts 25:1-12).
17. **Gentiles** – Non-Jews who became part of God's family through faith in Christ (Acts 11:18).
18. **Holy Spirit** – The third person of the Trinity who empowers believers (Acts 2:4).
19. **Iconium** – A city where Paul and Barnabas faced opposition but preached boldly (Acts 14:1).
20. **Jerusalem** – The birthplace of the church and site of key events in Acts (Acts 2:1-4).
21. **Jews** – The descendants of Abraham, significant in the early church's formation (Acts 2:5).

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22. **Joppa** – A port city where Peter raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36-43).
23. **Luke** – The author of Acts and the Gospel of Luke (Acts 1:1).
24. **Lystra** – A city where Paul healed a lame man and was later stoned (Acts 14:8-19).
25. **Martyr** – A person who dies for their faith, exemplified by Stephen (Acts 7:59-60).
26. **Missionary Journeys** – Paul's travels to spread the Gospel (Acts 13-28).
27. **Pentecost** – The day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, marking the church's birth (Acts 2:1-4).
28. **Persecution** – Hostility faced by Christians for their faith (Acts 8:1).
29. **Peter** – An apostle who led the early church and preached boldly at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-41).
30. **Philippi** – A city where Paul and Silas were imprisoned and miraculously freed (Acts 16:25-26).
31. **Prison** – A recurring setting where apostles were held but often miraculously released (Acts 5:18-19).
32. **Prophecy** – God's revelation to guide and encourage the church (Acts 11:27-28).

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33. **Repentance** – A change of heart and turning away from sin (Acts 3:19).
34. **Rome** – The endpoint of Paul's missionary journeys and his imprisonment (Acts 28:16).
35. **Samaritans** – A group of people who received the Gospel, breaking cultural barriers (Acts 8:5-17).
36. **Sanhedrin** – The Jewish council that opposed the apostles' message (Acts 5:27).
37. **Saul/Paul** – A persecutor of Christians who became an apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 9:1-22).
38. **Silas** – A companion of Paul on his missionary journeys (Acts 16:25).
39. **Simon the Sorcerer** – A magician rebuked by Peter for attempting to buy spiritual power (Acts 8:18-24).
40. **Stephen** – The first Christian martyr who witnessed boldly for Christ (Acts 7:54-60).
41. **Synagogue** – A Jewish place of worship where Paul often began his preaching (Acts 13:5).
42. **Tabitha (Dorcas)** – A disciple known for good works, raised from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36-41).

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43. **Temple** – Central to Jewish worship and early apostolic teaching (Acts 3:1).
44. **Thessalonica** – A city where Paul preached and faced opposition (Acts 17:1-9).
45. **Timothy** – A young leader mentored by Paul (Acts 16:1-3).
46. **Tongues** – Languages spoken by the apostles at Pentecost, symbolizing the Spirit's power (Acts 2:4).
47. **Troas** – A city where Paul had a vision of the Macedonian call (Acts 16:8-10).
48. **Witness** – Someone who testifies about Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).
49. **Worship** – Expressing reverence and praise to God, central to the early church (Acts 2:46-47).
50. **Zeal** – Passionate commitment to spreading the Gospel (Acts 4:20).