



# CURRICULUM GUIDE

## Death to Life

### Season 7, Episode 3

October 11-17

## LEADER NOTES

As a Disciple Group leader, you have been entrusted with shepherding the conversation—but that does not mean you need to be the person talking the most.

**This week, pay attention to how much space you are taking versus how much space you are creating.** It can be tempting to turn every question into a teaching moment or to immediately explain the “right” answer. Sometimes teaching is needed, but often the better move is another question.

When someone shares something, ***try asking:***

“Where do you see that in the passage?”

“Does anyone see this differently?”

“What do we learn about God here?”

“How does that connect with what someone shared earlier?”

If the conversation drifts, lovingly bring it back to Scripture. If one person begins dominating, thank them for sharing and intentionally invite others into the discussion.

**Remember: you are not trying to impress your group with what you know. You are helping them learn to engage God’s Word, hear from one another, and follow Jesus for themselves.**

**Important links:** [Leader’s Guide to Multiplying Groups](#)

## DISCOVER

### Reading Schedule Discussion

**October 18-24:** Acts 6    **October 25-31:** Acts 6    **November 1-7:** Acts 7

### Guiding Questions

What was the main idea and context of this week’s chapter?

What was encouraging about the chapter? What was challenging?

What did it teach you about the character of God?

What does it reveal about humanity?

What truth, command, warning, and/or promise should we pay attention to?

How can this be applicable to your life this week?

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**Sermon Text(s):** *Psalm 22, 88:6-9, 18; Isaiah 53; Matthew 26:57-27:54; Acts 16:27-28*

**Big Idea:** Jesus willingly endured the cross to pay the price for our sin, demonstrating God's justice and love and inviting us into a restored relationship with Him through His grace.

**Connect Question:** What is something you tried solely because everyone else was doing it? Did you regret it or love it?

## DEEPEN

**Read Matthew 26:57-27:54. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**

### Surrender Over Self-Defense

1. Jesus remained silent in the face of false accusations. Why do you think our instinct is often to defend ourselves immediately when we feel misunderstood or attacked?
2. What is the difference between standing up for yourself in a healthy way and feeling like you have to prove yourself to everyone? How can trusting God change the way you respond to criticism?
3. Jesus repeatedly chose the Father's will even when it led to suffering. What is an area of your life where surrendering control to God feels especially difficult right now?

### Don't Let Fear Get the Final Word

4. Peter confidently promised that he would never abandon Jesus, yet denied knowing Him three times. Why can our intentions and our actions look so different when we feel afraid or pressured?
5. Where do you feel the greatest pressure to blend in, stay quiet about your faith, or avoid being associated with Jesus? What makes that pressure difficult to navigate?
6. Peter wept bitterly when he realized what he had done. How can we respond to our own failures in a way that leads us toward Jesus rather than into shame, isolation, or hiding?

### Living in Light of the Cross

7. Jesus quoted Psalm 22 while suffering on the cross. How might knowing Scripture help us remain connected to God when our circumstances are painful, confusing, or difficult to understand?
8. What is a Scripture that you fall back on in moments of suffering?
9. The curtain of the temple was torn in two when Jesus died, symbolizing the access to God made possible through His sacrifice. How might your daily life, prayer, and relationship with God change if you truly lived as someone invited into His presence?
10. Jesus' sacrifice makes reconciliation with God possible. Who in your life might need to hear that the grace of Jesus is available to them, and what could an intentional first step toward that conversation look like?

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