



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Follow Me: A Disciple Deepens Within the Faith Family

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LEADER NOTES – Celebrate Communion in Group This Week: In the sermon, Pastor Joby referenced Acts 2:42 and encouraged disciple groups to take communion together this week. [Use this guide](#) to lead your group. Make sure to save some time for this.

Make Room for One More: As we prepare to launch the summer trimester, please reach out to group members who haven't been attending and change their status to inactive. [Click here](#) for a tutorial on how to communicate well with them. Remember, if your group is at capacity it won't show up on our Find a Group page and people won't be able to join your group.

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Summer trimester: June 2 – July 28 **Fall trimester:** August 18 – December 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Invite a veteran Care Team Member to Your Disciple Group: Your group will receive a short training on what it means to care well for those walking through hard seasons. Our process is modeled after the life of Jesus, who walked shoulder to shoulder with the broken. Learn and practice how we can come alongside others in an authentic way, pointing them to Jesus instead of our own limited "fix-it" ideas and solutions. [Click here for more and to register](#).

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

The Point: The church is not a place to go or an event to attend. The church is a people to belong to. All kinds of people gathered for God, by God, to love God and love one another, to the glory of God.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: If you were able to attend beach baptism, share where you saw God move! Where else did you see God move this week? ***What can you share from the action step last week? How did it go? What did you learn about God? About yourself?***

Sermon Text: *Matthew 25:36-41; Mark 2:1-12; Acts 2*

Action Step: Read Mark 2:1-12. Write down the names of your four mat carriers and deputize them to take you to Jesus when you're in need. *(If you don't have four mat carriers, pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the names of people to ask. Hint: they might be in your group! Here's an idea of what to say to them: "If you ever see me paralyzed - physically, financially, relationally, if I'm caught up in some kind of sin, if I'm being an idiot, then would you be the kind of friend that would pick up a corner of my life and tote me to Jesus?")*

Discussion Questions

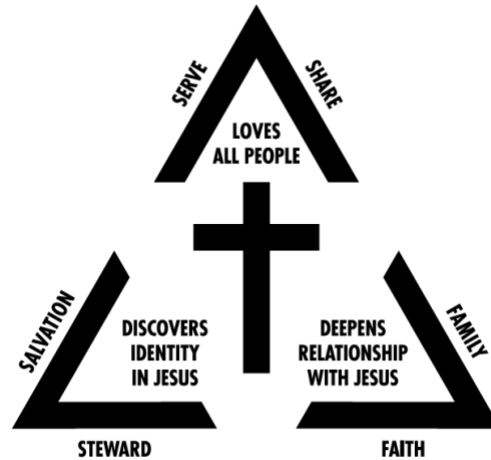
Leaders: The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. *It's ok if you don't cover every question.*

- **Read Acts 2.** What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in the Scriptures, maybe for the first time?
- **How does the Bible define "church"?** *(The church is not a building, it's a movement. The church is not an event that you attend, it's a people that you belong to.)*
- **What were the normal activities of the earliest Christians?** *(The practice of salvation, then baptism, then connecting with the church in smaller, intimate, personal groups.)*
- **Discover:** How was Peter transformed from denying Jesus to preaching the sermon that led 3,000 to Christ? *(The resurrected Jesus had breakfast with Peter and that changed everything. The Holy Spirit continued to guide Peter.)*
Deepen: Share how Jesus has transformed you.
- **What are the primary signs of the Spirit?** *(Salvation/Baptism/Community/Care)*
- **What are the hallmarks of a Spirit-filled church?** *(A Spirit-filled church points people to Jesus and is devoted to the Word of God, meeting together, caring for one another, praying, worshipping, loving God, loving people and reaching one more.)*
- **Discover:** Read Acts 2:42-46 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Share how being in a disciple group has impacted your faith and your discipleship journey.
Deepen: What's one step you can take to engage with your group more deeply?
- **Read Acts 2:7.** When was the last time you were in awe of God? *(Ask God to open your eyes to His miracles, grace, mercy, love, power, goodness and so much more!)*
- **Discover:** Who is praying for you? What keeps you from sharing prayer requests with others?
Deepen: Pair up and pray for each other right now for five minutes (men with men, women with women). Commit to praying for each other every day this week.
- **Read Acts 2:42.** Leaders, use this guide to celebrate communion together.

Your Discipleship Journey

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