

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Testimony Week 5:

Peter and John: What We Have Seen and Heard

February 8 & 11, 2024

LEADER NOTES: **New Leader Trainings:** May 19 in-person and May 20 on Zoom; **Spring trimester:** January 22–May 6; **Summer trimester:** June 3–July 28; **Fall trimester:** 8/19–12/8.

Attendance reminder text message: If you're not currently receiving the text during your group each week, [click here for a tutorial video on how to opt in](#). Please take attendance as soon as you receive the text. You will still get your email reminder as well. Accurate attendance lets us know who is actively participating in a group and who we may need to help get better connected.

Leader Podcast - *Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less*: You can listen to every episode on [Spotify](#) or [Apple](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fasting – Wednesdays, February 14 – March 7: Fasting is a way to say “no” to our flesh and “yes” to more time with Jesus. We'll be fasting from sun-up until sun-down. [Click here for the fasting guide](#).

Hour of Prayer – Wednesdays, February 14 – March 7, 7-8am and 12-1pm: Our campuses will be open to create space for you to draw near to the Lord. (*Arlington, Baymeadows, Fleming Island, Jesup*, Mandarin, North Jax, Orange Park, San Pablo* *Hour of Prayer is available at our Jesup campus from 12-1pm only.)

Work With Us: Ministry is more than a job, it's a calling. If you're interested in working at The Church of Eleven22 [click here to see our opportunities](#). One current opportunity is: [Accountant](#).

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

The Point: God uses our tests, trials and even terrible decisions and turns them into a testimony for His glory.

SERMON TEXT: *Acts 1:8, 2:22-24, 3:4-7, 15-16, 4:1-31; Romans 3:20-22*

Discussion Questions

LEADERS: There is no pressure to get through all the questions; we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **What stood out to you in the sermon this week?**
- **Read Acts 3:4-7, 15-16 and 4:1-31. What did God reveal to you in the Scriptures this week, maybe for the first time?**
- **Peter's mouth got him into a lot of trouble, and yet God used Peter's mouth to help start His Church. What is the thing that has gotten you in trouble that Jesus is using, or could use, for His purposes and His Glory?**
- **In Acts 3:4-7, we see Peter acting in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus to command a lame beggar to get up and walk. With faith, Peter takes him by the hand and the man's ankles and feet are made strong. Where in your life have you been called to act by faith and didn't? Where in your life *did* you act by faith? (Is God calling you to a relationship restoration, a mission trip, a commitment, to change jobs, or something else? Do whatever brings Jesus the most glory and you'll never be wrong. "Pray, guess and go." Who knows what miracles are still on the sidewalk because we failed to act?)**
- **Read Acts 4:13-20. How did praying and acting in the power of the Holy Spirit change Peter and change how God used him? (By surrendering, praying and acting in the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter lived the abundant life and was used by God to spread the good news and be part of miracles. He went from denying Jesus three times to boldly proclaiming the Gospel at the risk of imprisonment and death.)**
- **In Acts 4:19-20, Peter and John say they must talk about Jesus because, "...we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." Explain the importance of sharing what you have seen and heard more than what you believe. (People can believe all kinds of crazy things, but it's hard to argue with someone's story - what they have seen and heard. It's one of the reasons your personal testimony is so powerful. What have you seen and heard about Jesus? How has He changed your life?)**
- **Read Acts 4:29-30. What does this scripture tell us about praying boldly? Why is boldness important? (We are called to pray and act boldly in the name of Jesus. It changes us and He will use our prayers and actions in His plan. The parable of the talents (Matthew 25) shows us that the Master does not honor "playing it safe." We are called to pray boldly even if we have doubts. Throughout the Bible, God uses people with doubts for His purposes and His glory. Pray boldly, respond obediently, and leave the results to God.)**

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus

Every day this week spend time praying that God will speak to you and tell you what He wants you to do.

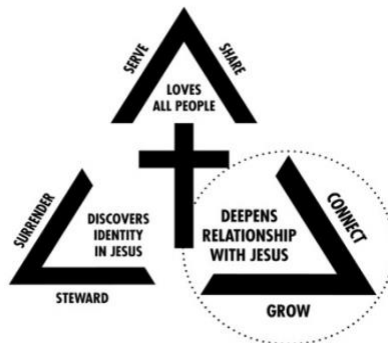
What is the thing He's calling you to do, right now? What first step can you boldly take to do it this week?

Report back to your group what you've seen and heard and what you're doing.

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