



1825 DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Fear to Faith – Week 3

April 2, 4 & 5, 2026

LEADER NOTES:

- **SAVE THE DATE** - Coach and Leader thank you celebration at The Retreat Center: Friday, May 15, 1pm to 7pm. Come and go as you can, but please try to have dinner with us.
- **Leading Well in 7 Minutes or Less** – Listen to ALL episodes for free on Spotify or Apple.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Secret Church – April 17th, 7pm-1am – Sign up before it's too late! We want you here!**
Radical's Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that is streamed each Spring to tens of thousands of participants around the world. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for six hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Sign up [here](#) today!

CONNECT

If you spend the first few weeks in the connect portion more than curriculum questions that is okay!!!

The goal is not to stick only to this portion, but remember:

1825 DISCIPLE GROUPS ARE VALUE-DRIVEN, NOT CURRICULUM DRIVEN

Names Matter.

- **Action Step check-in:** Whether you completed it or not – What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?
- **Icebreaker:** What is the most extravagant thing you have done to go out of your way for a friend?

1825 DG SPRING – WK 13

Sermon Text(s): *Psalm 103:1-3; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 9:1-8; John 15:13-16; Revelation 1:7*

The Point: Imagine you being lowered through the roof. If you are a Christian, that's what someone did for you!

DISCOVER & DEEPEN

(The goal is to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other. Not answering every question is totally acceptable.)

Read Matthew 9:1-8

1. What has God revealed to you about Himself through the Scriptures and through the sermon this week?
2. Read *Matthew 9:2*. When you hear “Jesus saw their faith,” what do you think that kind of faith looks like in your life?
3. Why do you think Jesus responds to the man based on **their faith**, not just his?
4. What stands out about the reaction of the scribes vs. the crowd? (*Matthew 9:3, 8*)
5. The friends removed the roof to get to Jesus. What does this teach us about **active faith**?
6. Who in your life are you a mat carrier for and/or who have you asked to be your mat carrier? What is the value of this relationship to you?
7. Where in your life is God asking you to move from belief into action?
8. Read *Matthew 9:2 again*: Why do you think Jesus prioritizes **forgiveness of sin** over physical healing?
9. How does this support the idea: “*Our greatest need is not physical, but spiritual*”?
10. Which is harder for people to accept: needing help externally or needing forgiveness internally? Why?
11. What is the significance of Jesus calling the man “son”?
12. Pastor Joby warned us not to get too comfortable in our church seats. Where might comfort be limiting your faith today?
13. What “mat” (sin, shame, past, struggle) might you still be lying on or carrying?
14. Have you personally experienced Jesus forgiving you, not just helping you? What has that meant to you?

ACTION STEP

In light of your answers tonight, what is one step God is calling you to take this week?

Sanctification and spiritual growth are not linear, but they always involve a step of obedience. Some will have the same next step week after week as they grow in spiritual disciplines and learn to walk in obedience. Others will have a next step that can be completed within the week.

The more you can lead individuals in making their next step SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, timely) the easier it is to walk out accountability.

Example:

1825: "My next step is to read my bible more."

Leader: "How many times this next week do you want to read your bible? When will you do it? How long? What will you read?"

1825: "I want to read when I wake up three mornings for 20 minutes."

Have a group member record next steps and share in your Group Me.

Next week check in. How did it go? Whether you accomplished the goal or not: What did you learn about God? Yourself?

PRAYER

How can we pray for you and your walk with Jesus? Close in Prayer.

While we are happy to pray for all things, we want to grow in authenticity by asking and sharing how we can pray for one another as we discover and deepen in our relationship with Christ and take next steps of obedience.

*****TIP:** *Provide index cards. Have each member write their prayer requests on a card with their name and place in the middle of the circle. At the end of group each person selects a card to pray over for the next week. Encourage members to reach out to the individual they are praying for during the week. Mixed groups: keep guys and girls cards separate. Guys pray and reach out to guys. Girls pray and reach out to girls.*