



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Religion to Redemption

Season 6, Episode 7

September 20-26

LEADER NOTES

Last week, we encouraged you to think about your role as a facilitator—creating space for people to encounter God’s Word, wrestle with truth, and respond in obedience. **This week, pay attention to the questions you ask.** Good questions can take a conversation from surface-level answers to meaningful reflection and application.

Try to ask questions that cannot be answered with a simple “yes,” “no,” or one-word response. Instead of asking, “Do you think this was hard for them?” ask, “What do you notice about how they responded?” Instead of, “Should we trust God?” ask, “What makes trusting God difficult in a situation like this?”

As you prepare, think through three kinds of questions:

- What does it say? Help the group observe what is actually happening in the passage.
- What does it show us? Help them consider what the passage reveals about God, people, or the way of Jesus.
- What will we do with it? Move the conversation toward personal response, obedience, and next steps.

And remember: **you do not have to fill every silence.** Ask the question, give people time to think, listen closely, and use follow-up questions like, “Tell me more,” “What makes you say that?” or “Where do you see that in the passage?”

The goal is not to get through every question in the curriculum. **The goal is to help people engage Scripture honestly, hear from one another, and take their next faithful step in following Jesus.**

DISCOVER

Reading Schedule Discussion

September 20-26: Acts 3 **October 4-10:** Acts 4 **October 4-10:** Acts 5

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): Matthew 26:6-16, 36-46, Luke 15:11-24, Luke 18:18-30, 2 Samuel 12:14-24,

Big Idea: Throughout Saturated, we heard different messages from different voices, but each brought us back to a similar invitation: Jesus is not simply inviting us to hear truth or experience a moment. He is inviting us to respond to Him. To pray. To repent. To surrender. To trust. To worship. The question now isn't simply, "What happened at Saturated?" The question is: What will I do with what God showed me?

Connect Question: What is one moment, Scripture, statement, conversation, or experience from Saturated that has stayed with you? Why do you think it stuck with you?

DEEPEN

PRAYER — Matthew 26:36-46

1. What is creating the most noise in your life right now? How might that noise be affecting your ability to be still with God, pray, and listen?
2. Jesus told the disciples, "Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation." Where are you most tempted to rely on your own strength instead of prayer? What would intentionally making room for God look like in your actual week?

REPENTANCE — Luke 15:11-24

3. What does the father's response to the prodigal son teach us about the heart of God toward someone who turns back to Him? How should knowing that affect the way we approach repentance?
4. What is the difference between feeling guilty about sin and actually repenting? Is there anything God brought to your attention during Saturated that you need to stop hiding, excusing, or trying to defeat privately?

SURRENDER — Luke 18:18-30

5. The rich young ruler wanted Jesus, but he also wanted to hold onto something Jesus was asking him to surrender. What are you most tempted to hold onto instead of fully trusting Jesus?
6. JP asked, "On a scale of 1-10, how certain are you that you are going to heaven?" What are you actually trusting in for your salvation—your behavior, your religious activity, something you have done, or what Jesus has done for you? Read Ephesians 2:8-9 together as you discuss.

TRUST — 2 Samuel 12:14-24

7. Have you ever prayed for something you genuinely believed God should do and He did not answer the way you expected? How did that affect the way you saw or trusted God?
8. Suffering is a significant part of the biblical story, yet it can still shake our faith when it becomes personal. How can we honestly grieve, question, and hurt without allowing disappointment with our circumstances to become distance from God?

WORSHIP — Matthew 26:6-16

9. Mary poured something extraordinarily valuable at the feet of Jesus while Judas approached Jesus asking, in effect, "What can I get?" Where are you tempted to approach Jesus transactionally? What might it look like instead to bring your time, plans, money, comfort, relationships, reputation, or future to His feet?

NOW WHAT?

10. Looking back across the entire week—prayer, repentance, surrender, trust, and worship—what do you believe God is inviting you to respond to? What is one specific step of obedience you can take this week?

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