
Next Week's Life Group: Follow Me ... To Greater Faith

Next Week's Story: Luke 8:43-48 - The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Garment and Was Healed

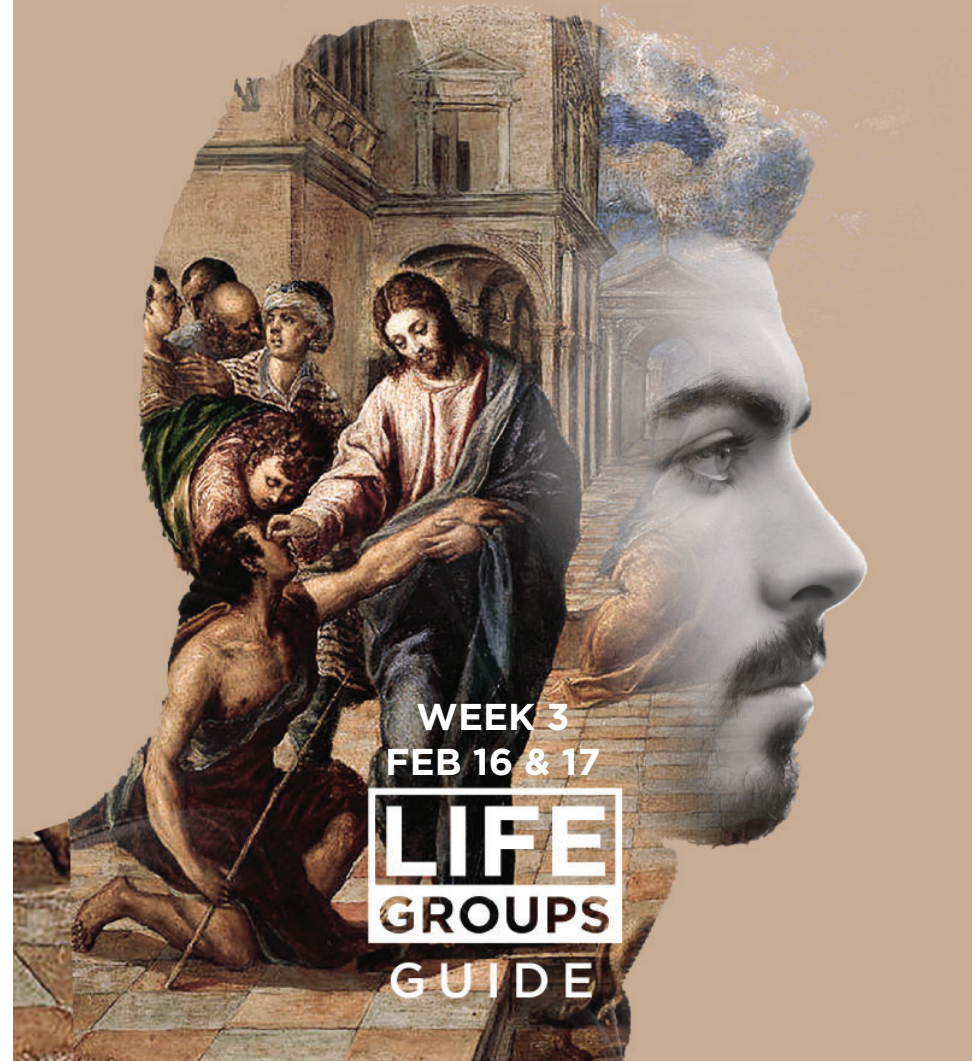
Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus

A person who is committed to *following, being changed by,* and *on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

The Purpose of Life Groups

Life Groups are where we connect with God and with others through relationships - growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus and inspiring a culture of discipleship as we do life together. Life Groups are loving, safe, and interactive places where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, serve, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others. Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

follow me



FOLLOW ME

Everything is possible for the one who believes.
Mark 9:23b

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever met a celebrity?
Who was the closest to a celebrity you've met?

STORY BACKGROUND

Jesus' ministry is moving and growing. Miracles, signs, and wonders follow him in each town he visits. His disciples begin to understand that through Jesus, they have that same power to heal people and deliver them from demonic oppression.

Just before encountering the demonically possessed boy, Jesus takes his closest followers - Peter, James, and John - up to the mountain of transfiguration where they witness Jesus transformed into his heavenly body along with Moses and Elijah. The two Old Testament figures represent the authority of the Law and the Prophets. God speaks to the three disciples and says "[t]his is my beloved Son, listen to him!" thereby establishing Jesus as the only voice to be listened to, even above Moses and Elijah. As Jesus and His four disciples come down from the mountain they encounter the father of the demonically possessed boy.

TO IMPOSSIBLE



STORY: Mark 9:14-29

MEMORY VERSE:

John 14:14 - *If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.*



Head Level: These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

- What happened when the disciples tried to drive out the demon?
 - How did Jesus respond to the disciples?
 - What does Jesus say was the reason the disciples could not cast out the demon? What did they need to grow in (verse 29)?
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Heart Level: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- Have you ever believed God for something and not seen it happen?
 - How did that impact your faith?
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Hands Level: These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

- How can you and your group grow stronger in a lifestyle of prayer and fasting?