

Discipleship Study Questions



Miracle Worker

In the series, we look at the Gospel of John and study seven miracles performed by Jesus. We will gain hope for how the kingdom of God can break through in our lives here and now, as well as gain more vision for the age to come!

Read the Scripture:

Individual: Read the passage from two or three different translations.

Group: Have two different group members read the passage using different Bible translations.

Speak the Scripture:

Individual: Recite the story aloud from memory (as best you can) or tell it to a friend or family member. The goal here is to get the essence of the passage in your heart.

Group: Have someone volunteer to recite the passage aloud in their own words, as best they can.

Understand the Scripture:

Individual or Group: Use the Discovery Questions to help ensure you understand the passage.

Dig Deeper into the Scripture:

Individual: Work through the Digging Deeper questions and pray about what God reveals to you through His word. Discuss with a Christian friend or family member if you choose.

Group: Work through the Digging Deeper questions as a group, celebrating the work God is already doing in each person's life, and encouraging each other to trust Him in the places that need growth.



Small Group Guidelines

This is a Safe Group

Confidentiality is key—what is said in the group stays in the group. Be aware how you are affecting the environment with your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. This needs to be a place where people feel comfortable opening up and sharing.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations, phone time, texting etc.

Listen

Let's value one another by listening to what is being shared. Allow a pause after someone shares to allow them to finish and others to consider what was said. Eye contact and body posture play key roles in creating a positive or negative group environment.

No Rescuing or Fixing

We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Avoid the tendency to rescue when someone is struggling to get the words out or shares a struggle or conviction.

Use "I" Statements

It's easy to talk about the issues of others, or respond with "we," "us," or "the church," but for us to grow as disciples and build relationships, we want to use "I" statements.

Don't Over-Talk

We want to create time for all members of the group to participate in the discussion. Be careful not to always be the first responder or regularly give long responses.

Fight for Relationship

It's not if conflict or hurt feelings will happen, but when. We commit to fight for relationship with each other. Go to the person and share your struggle or seek wise advice if you are not sure how to handle the conflict.



Week 1

Background: In this passage, we will see Jesus perform His first public miracle. He has already been publicly teaching, and has already called disciples to Himself, but this moment is the first moment we see His power on display.

Read: *John 2:1-11*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think Jesus performed the miracle even though He said “My hour has not yet come?”

Why do you think Jesus involved the servants, rather than just perform the miracle completely on His own?

What areas of your life need transformation? Is there an area of your life where you need Jesus to turn your “water” into “wine”?

End this time with a prayer



Week 2

Background: Leading up to this passage, Jesus has talked with the Samaritan woman at the well, and a mini-revival breaks out among the Samaritans. Jesus then heads back to Galilee to do more ministry work.

Read: *John 4:46-54*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think Jesus told them that they won't believe unless they see signs and wonders like it was a bad thing?

What does this miracle reveal about the power of God's words?

Where in your own life do you need God to just say the word? Are you standing in the gap for someone else who needs God to speak the word over them for breakthrough?

End this time with a prayer



Week 3

Background: Jesus has just performed His second miracle in the region of Galilee, healing the official's son. News about Jesus is spreading, and yet He continues to try to keep His miracles under wraps. We join Jesus as He heads to Jerusalem.

Read: *John 5:1-18*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think Jesus asked the man "do you want to get well?"

Why do you think Jesus healed this one man and then left? Why not heal everyone who was there?

Where in your own life do you need Jesus to challenge your thoughts about what will make you well?

End this time with a prayer



Week 4

Background: News about Jesus continued to spread. Not only did people want to hear Him teach- they also wanted to see God's power on display through this new rabbi from Nazareth. So Jesus heads to the mountainside, and the people follow.

Read: *John 6:5-14*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think Jesus tested Philip in this moment? What was He trying to do with that moment between Himself and Philip?

Why do you think there were 12 baskets of food left over?

Where in your own life do you need Jesus to show you that in His hands, a little can become a lot?

End this time with a prayer



Week 5

Background: After Jesus feeds the thousands, He withdraws to avoid all the attention and pressure He would receive from those who wanted Him to be king. It is after a time of solitude with the Father that Jesus then performs His next miracle.

Read: *John 6:16-21*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think John mentioned that the winds were strong and the waters grew rough?

Why do you think the disciples were frightened?

Where in your own life do you need Jesus to show you His power, while at the same time saying “don’t be afraid, it is I”?

End this time with a prayer



Week 6

Background: After Jesus walks on the water, He does some teaching, has many disciples desert Him, defends the woman caught in adultery, and almost gets stoned to death by the Pharisees. After all of this, Jesus finds another opportunity to display His power to someone in need.

Read: *John 9:1-7*

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think Jesus told His disciples that this man's blindness was so that God's works would be displayed?

Jesus used dirt and mud to help this man see. Where in your life do you need Jesus to use the dirt and the mud in your life to help you see more clearly?

Where in your own life do you need Jesus to show you how the negative things in your life might be there simply so God can display His power in your life?

End this time with a prayer



Week 7

Background: After Jesus heals the blind man, He once again clashes with the Pharisees, but continues teaching them who He is. Then, Jesus finds out some concerning news.

Read: John 11:1-45

Discovery Questions:

What do we learn about Jesus in this passage?

What do we learn about what it means to be a follower of Christ in this passage?

What do you think the Holy Spirit might be teaching you personally through this passage?

Is there anything God is leading you to do after reading this passage?

Digging Deeper:

Why do you think Jesus told His disciples that this would not end in death, even though Lazarus actually did die? What was He trying to help them see?

Why do you think Jesus wept, even though He knew what would happen next?

Where in your own life do you need Jesus to show you that He has ultimate power over all of creation, and even over death itself?

End this time with a prayer

