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Discipleship Phrase: God's church, God's way.

Big Idea for Series: God's church is built on His principles.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

As we kick-off the new "season," reflect on your role as leaders and the importance of your growth as disciples. What does it mean to "abide?" It's an intimate relationship with Jesus where we "know" Him and "remain" in Him as we go about His work here on earth – as leaders and shepherds. Jn. 15:4-7, Jesus tells His Disciples that drawing life from Him is essential, using the picture of branches united to a vine. "Abide in Me(the vine), as I also abide in you (the branches)" and promises that if we do, we will "bear much fruit!" And we can claim the same promise today that we saw on full display with the Apostles and the early church in the Book of Acts.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

This week is a great opportunity to focus on what God is doing and has done in our lives. As you step into question 2, please model well by leading off with your story. Plan to share how God's has redeemed your story and how He is continuing to do so. You may have some new members in your group so be sure to welcome them in and be sensitive that members may be in different places in their walk. This is an opportunity for God to be glorified and for Him to be known. As people share ask good follow up questions and encourage members to share from their heart. Guide the discussion into answering what part do we have in God's kingdom as He continues to redeem our story.

Shepherding (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

Redemption. God is in the business of redeeming our story, every aspect of the trials and tribulations therein. This new year will afford each of us opportunities to look for the ways God has already redeemed parts of our journey and ascertain where He might just be doing the work of redemption right this moment. As your group shares redemption stories, make yourself available to walk with them through any questions they may have or concerns that could linger. Keep their stories in your mind so you can hone in on to how best shepherd them not only this week, but throughout the year. Vulnerability as you shepherd is key this week; as people share, please affirm, and encourage.

Church Announcements (*be in the know & share with your group*)

Southeast U classes start Monday January 31st! There are 3 different options to choose from. Women in Scripture, Reading the Bible in Context, and Engaging in Scripture, Gender & Sexuality. Each class runs 10 weeks. Please visit <http://www.southeastcc.org/classes> for more information and to register.

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



LifeGroups at Southeast

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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*) What's your favorite movie and why? Is there a redemptive element to it?

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week's message*)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

Acts 2:1-41 (ESV), **Luke** 24:53 (ESV), **2 Samuel** 7:5 (ESV), **Acts** 7:45-48 (ESV), **Leviticus** 9:22-24 (ESV), **Exodus** 32:7-10 (ESV), **Exodus** 32:25-29 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. When you are a follower of Jesus, God's presence lives in you. He “broke out” to be with you.
2. Baptism is the most consistently biblical next step after saying yes to Jesus.
3. When we “break loose”, we bring disgrace to the name of God. When we live consistent with the Kingdom, we honor God's name.
4. God wants to redeem every story – especially yours.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. In Acts 2:41 how many were redeemed and what was the significance behind it?
2. God wants to redeem every story. Share how God has redeemed or is redeeming yours?
3. For what purpose did God redeem your story? And what part do you play in that?
4. How do we worship and remember well the redemptive work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

