

LIFE GROUPS

LEADER PAGE | Acts | WEEK 13 of 30 | Sermon date: March 27, 2022

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 a disciple of Christ you should expect attacks from the enemy when you pursue closeness with God and draw others into His kingdom. It is important to recognize that the very presence of Christ is within you. Galatians 2:20 (ESV) states "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." In your time with God this week, read 2 Corinthians 4:6-10 (NIV) and reflect. What does it mean that your life is a vehicle to display the life of Christ? Are you intentional with your relationship with God and prepared for whatever the enemy throws at you? You have the "all-surpassing power from God" to endure persecution, hardship, and suffering.

Leading *(facilitate your group effectively)*

This week we are talking about our enemy here on earth. The devil is tricky and determined to put lies into our hearts about who we are and who Christ is...in us. Be sure to ask follow-up questions as your group begins to process through the different ways our enemy deceives us into believing the lies. Perhaps even take some time to talk through the ways you remain "Christ in me" through the attacks of the devil on your life.

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

Over the coming weeks, it could serve your group well to ask them to be mindful of exactly who our real enemy is. Sure, we all struggle with difficult people, hard situations, and circumstances beyond our control however, we serve a God who has never lost control. Encourage your group to consider what it would look like to trust in the one who controls the wind and the waves, no matter how bad the storm may look.

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

Serving opportunity with "Be the Gift," is coming up on April 1, 2022. Be the Gift is a nonprofit organization to support single parent families around Denver. They schedule workdays every so often to do minor home improvement projects for these families who may not be able to afford to hire a contractor. Click [here](#) to sign up.

REMEMBER:

"Every group deserves a great leader."

LIFE GROUPS

SERIES| Acts | WEEK 13 of 30 | Sermon date: March 27, 2022

Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose what fits best*)

Weekly Vision (*Announcements, The “Why”, Goal, Outreach, Guidelines, & Branching*)

Guidelines: Confidentiality, Avoid Crosstalk, Avoid fixing & Rescuing, Use “I” Statements, Contribute over Consume, Be Mindful of Self (allow all to share & use humor responsibly).

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question*)

Who was your arch-nemesis growing up?

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share*)

Scripture References (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*)

Acts 11:19-30 (ESV), **Ephesians** 6:12 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. The enemy of our faith is not a system or a person; the enemy of our faith is the devil.
2. The cry of our heart and the mission of our life must be, “Christ be formed in me.”
3. When we love extravagantly, we look just like Jesus.
4. Every Paul needs an Antioch.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Read Eph 6:12. Do you know who your real enemy is? How so?
2. How does the enemy deceive you into believing you are your own worst enemy?
3. Who is the “Saul/Paul” in your life for whom you are their Barnabas?
4. Would “outsiders” look at you from afar and see Jesus? If not, how can you reflect Him better?

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer*)