



BelPres Church

Summer Sermon Discussion Guide

Connect in Community: Choose a time and meet (online or in-person) with your community group, a couple of friends, or your family to discuss the weekly sermon. If you didn't attend church this week, you can listen to the message online anytime during the week. Being in regular community with others helps us notice how Jesus forms disciples over time and how the Holy Spirit uses regular people as part of God's work.

Start with Reflection: As we follow Jesus and seek to become more like him, he often prompts us to take an action or follow a nudge... Before we talk about this week's scripture and sermon, let's start by looking back over the past week. How did you follow through on a prompt or a practice after last week's discussion? What did you try and how did it go? Or maybe you wanted to, but didn't get around to it? Remember: Discipleship is growth, not perfection.

Read this Week's Scripture:

June 28: *Barnabas*

- Readings: Acts 4:32-37, **Acts 9:26-31**, Acts 11:19-26, Acts 13:1-3

July 5: *Priscilla & Aquila*

- Readings: Acts 18:1-4, **Acts 18:24-26**, Romans 16:3-5, 2nd Timothy 2:1-2

July 12: *Joanna*

- Readings: **Luke 8:1-3**, Luke 24:1-10, Mark 15:40-41, Romans 12:3-8

July 19: VBA Sunday – **NO SERMON**

July 26: *Stephen*

- Readings: Acts 7:51-60

August 2: *Ananias*

- Readings: Acts 9:10-19

August 9: *Philippian Church*

- Readings: Philippians 1: 1-11

August 16: *Jailer*

- Readings: Acts 16:25-40

August 23: *Timothy*

- Readings 2 Timothy 1:1-10

August 30: WITP

Sep 6: *YOU / The Church*

- Readings: Ephesians 4:11-16

Discuss the scripture: After reading scripture together, discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

Discuss the sermon: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- What are some key take aways for you?
- How might you respond this week? How might your family do this together?

Make an action plan for the week: What action step or practice do you want to try this week? How has God been prompting you during your discussion time today?

Close in prayer: Close with a few minutes sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for your time together, the conversation

you've shared, the other people you've gathered with today, and for encouragement in the week ahead.