



Study Guide - Week 3

Ice Breaker

Goofy Question: If you suddenly found out you could understand and speak to any animal in the world, which animal would you choose to have a conversation with and why?

Quick Take: Take out your phones and announce to the group what battery level you are at. Does this level stress you out or are you comfortable with it?

Sermon Recap

What if the greatest move of God isn't something we're waiting for—but something we're called to be? In this powerful message, Danny challenges us to stop waiting and start living as God's movement on earth. Through a compelling analogy comparing believers to phones needing constant charging, he reveals how staying connected to Jesus through His Word and authentic community empowers us to truly make a difference. Whether you're feeling spiritually drained or ready to be part of something bigger, this message shows how abiding in Christ transforms us from scattered individuals into an unstoppable force for God's kingdom. Don't miss this vital call to get plugged in and powered up for impact!

Read Scripture

John 15:1-11 ESV

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Discussion Questions

▼ Danny used a metaphor of a phone battery to help explain John 15.

- How does this modern comparison help you better understand what it means to 'abide in Christ'?
- What is your current 'battery level' in your spiritual life, and what specific steps can you take to stay better 'charged' through Christ?

Read Scripture

Acts 2:42-27 NIV

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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▼ Acts 2 talks about how the early Church interacted and lived together. How does being part of a 'heart-focused community' strengthen our ability to live out our faith effectively?

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- What barriers might be preventing you from experiencing deeper community in your faith journey, and how can you overcome them?
- ▼ Danny talked about the importance of 'thinking like God thinks and seeing like God sees.'
- How can regular engagement with God's Word transform our perspective?
 - What specific area of your life needs a perspective transformation through God's Word right now?
- ▼ We experienced the image of multiple phone flashlights lighting up a dark room together.
- How does this illustrate the power of a unified church community?
 - In what ways are you currently contributing your 'light' to the broader church community, and where might God be calling you to shine brighter?

Final Thought

Danny's call to us all this week is to go **MAD: Make A Difference**. We, the church, are called to be an authentic community, an ekklesia, that builds up and tackles the F.I.G.H.T. of discipleship **together**.

This week, spend time in God's Word. **Read the Bible for 5 minutes every day**. If you already do this, spend more time **meditating on God's Word**. Take time to **memorize Scripture**. Charge your battery by connecting back to God.

Prayer

- Start by sharing any personal prayer requests with the group.
- Ask God to help us embrace our identity in Christ more fully this week.
- Pray for strength and courage to live out God's mission in our daily lives.
- Request guidance in finding ways to be a light in our communities, reflecting the love of Christ.

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