

Discussion Guide The Summer Sessions Wk 5

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Come To Your Senses

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Main Idea

Have you ever been in a season of life where you are just rolling with the punches? Today we will look at an event in the life of Peter where he was just wanting a win. He was in prison, had 16 soldiers guarding him, and was about to go to trial. Yet, he learns to roll with the punches. Let's discover how.

Acts 12:1-16

Verse 11 - Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

Remember the Church

Herod just had James killed and now he seized Peter. "So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him" (v5). We are the church. Don't just use the church to enhance your life. It should be your life. When was the last time you intensely sought after the Holy Spirit, not just for you, but for your church?

Remember Your Humanity

You are not God. You are human. However, God will show you the steps to take if your eyes and your heart are open, and if your faith is ready to act. God will do things for you that you can not do for yourself. Yet, you should not expect God to do for you what you can do for yourself. What are you putting your faith in - yourself or God? How can you tell?

Read: Hebrews 11:1

Remember To Keep Going

Peter kept knocking even after they were afraid to open the door. The only way to truly fail is to quit. We must refuse to give up. Belief is essential to receive answers to prayer. What is your next step in rolling with the punches?

Read: Matthew 21:22; 1 John 5:14-15

SUMMARY

Sunday is not a moment to receive a word from God. Sundays are a moment to confirm everything God has been telling you throughout the week. "Without a doubt" only happens in hindsight. You can call it coincidence or give God the credit. Either way, God did it. It's time to come to our senses and walk in faith.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Reflect for a moment on your church family life. Consider how you can more intentionally engage in building relationships and earnestly pray for others.
2. Read Matthew 21:2 and 1 John 5:14-15. In what ways will you apply these verses to your faith filled prayer life moving forward?
3. So that you will not give up or quit, write down some next steps for you to grow your faith. Take some time to discuss these steps with others.
4. Mark your calendars for 21 Days of Prayer and fasting beginning August 6 through August 26. We will be hosting Saturday morning prayer (9am) at all of our campuses on August 12 and 19.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Most Unique

Go around the room and have each person share something that makes him or her unique or unusual, such as "I've never left the state I was born in" or "I am one of 10 kids." The more unique the facts, the more fun the icebreaker becomes.

Tips: Give examples of unique or unusual facts, and be willing to share your answer first. This activity often creates starting points for conversations between members.