



The Story of Scripture | Ryan Wekenman | 10.10.21

Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What is your favorite fall activity and/or meal?

SHARE

Welcome to Week One of Starter Pack! It's time to get back to the basics and learn to study and meditate on Scripture, pray, fast, and invite.

These next few weeks are going to be pivotal for learning how to follow Jesus together. To do that, we are all going through 35 Day Starter Pack Devo together. If you don't have your book yet, make sure you pick it up this Sunday. Before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

How has Starter Pack gone so far? Which day has stuck out to you the most?

What is your goal for these next six weeks?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Read Matthew 27:45-54

What do you know about this passage of Scripture? Where is it taking place?

If you were present in that moment, what do you think you would be feeling or thinking?

Whether you have gotten to Day 4 of Starter Pack or not, that is the day we read about the climax of the whole Story of Scripture. After living a sinless life for 33 years, Jesus laid down his life so that we could go free. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God."

Take a moment and reflect on that verse. What does that verse mean for you personally?

As difficult as it can be to read about Jesus's sacrifice on the cross, we have to remember that Jesus did this for us because he loves us. As the writer of Hebrews says, "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

How does reflecting on this event shape your view of God's love for you?

M O V E

Read Acts 2:44-47

What stuck out to you from this snapshot of the early church?

What is one thing your Group can learn and work on from the early church?

On Day 5 of Starter Pack, you will read about the early church. In Matthew 28, Jesus gives us a Great Commission to go make disciples and teach people how to follow Jesus. The Church is God's plan for carrying out that Great Commission. Acts 2 is the story of where and how the church began. After an amazing day of ministry, the followers of Jesus began to set up some structure to help the movement flourish.

As you just read they:

- Shared all they had to help those in need.
- Met together frequently.
- They ate together.
- They worshipped.
- They continued to grow.

As you read that list, which of those is your Group doing? Which ones do you need to work on?

What is one practical step you can take this week to fellowship more like the church in Acts?

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

TO GO

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

- Revelation 21:3