

Initial Discipleship Lesson #9:
Persevere

Looking Back

Care: Share a high and a low from this past week.

Worship: pray for one another related to the above highs and lows.

Loving Accountability:

Following: How did you do at accomplishing last week's following goal? The previous weeks'?

Fishing: Has the Lord opened up opportunities for you to train someone? What about sharing the gospel? Who got to share the gospel & did any of us see the Lord save someone?

Vision: Describe through image, story, or lesson, what God can do in and/or through believers to impact lostness and expand God's Kingdom.

Looking Up

New Lesson

Describe the practice of the New Testament Church (Acts 8)

Read the promise that comes from Perseverance in Matthew 10:22

Share the story of The Apostle's Persecution found in Acts 5:27-42 using your own words

Retell the story in pairs using our own words.

Read the story from Acts 5:27-42 (2x if possible using different translations)

Discuss the story using the SPACE MAP Bible Discovery questions:

S - Scripture, **P** - Promises or Principles, **A** - Attributes of God, **C** - Commands, **E** - Examples, **M** - Main Point, **A** - Applications, **P** - Possible Situations

Explore More:

1. Who will be persecuted according to Matt. 10:16-33?

Every disciple of Jesus can expect persecution.

2. What is our hope amidst persecution according to 2 Cor. 4:5-18 and Heb. 12:1-2?

Our eternity is secure in Heaven.

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, who faced persecution for us.

3. How can we persevere when persecuted according to Matt. 5:11-12 and Matt. 24:13-14?

Don't fear, but rejoice!

Keep proclaiming the Gospel until the end!

Looking Ahead

Practice: practice telling the story in the above lesson or a discipleship tool you've learned so far.

Set Goals:

Following: How has today's lesson affected your relationship with God? Based on today's lesson how will it affect how you love and obey Him?

Fishing: Who will you share the gospel with this week? When will you do it? Update your name list/map.

Pray: Ask our Heavenly Father for the faith and power to obey Him this week in the above goals. Pray for one another, for their friends who are far from God - specifically, that they will choose to follow Jesus and make disciples.