

Breakthrough: Breakthrough in Absolute Surrender

Matthew 16:21-27

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Read Matthew 16:21-27: Each person share about one of the following questions

- What did you like about this passage?
- What didn't you like or made you uncomfortable about this passage?
- What didn't you understand about this passage?
- What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

In this second message on Breakthrough, we walked through the life of the Apostle Peter. Peter exclaimed "I will follow Jesus", but it was on Peter's terms.

- Where do you see yourself in Peter's story?
- What areas of your life are you willing to give to Jesus, but still want to control yourself?

Peter's breakthrough came through brokenness and surrender.

- Why do you think surrender is so difficult for us? What are you most tempted to hold onto rather than place fully in God's hands?

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

- What is the difference between self-denial and denying self-rule?
- What might "getting off the throne" look like in your life right now?

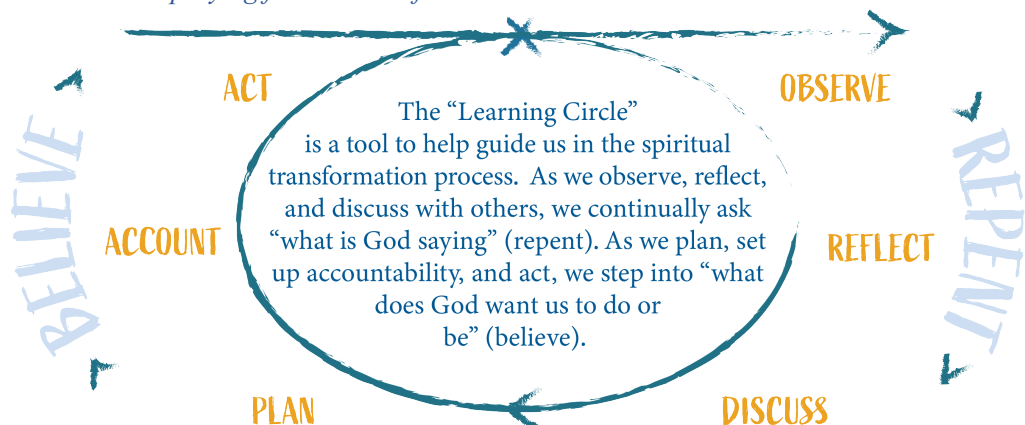
Read Acts 1:14. This shows a very different Peter: instead of rushing into action or relying on his own strength, he was waiting and praying with the other disciples

- What would it look like for you to truly surrender to God this week—not just saying, "God, I trust you," but trusting him even if he does things differently than you want?

What got your attention during the message/discussion this week?

- Why did it get your attention? (Did something made you mad, sad, glad or go hmm?)
- What might God be saying to you about this?
- What might God be saying to do/be about this?
- What ways do you need to step more fully into a true follower of Jesus?

Before you leave, go around and name someone in your life who needs Christ. Spend some time praying for them and for one another.



Message Notes

Prayer Prompts

- Ask Jesus what surrender looks like for you.
- Ask Jesus what worldly things are keeping you from growing closer to Him.
- Ask Jesus where He is calling you to pick up your cross and follow Him.
- Pray for breakthrough INTO the life Jesus has for you.
- Pray for the Gospel to breakthrough in our community and the world.