



Text the word "FIRST" to 317-350-1996 to join us in completing weekly Faith First challenges starting in September.

NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED

BIG IDEA

God picks imperfect people who get back up.

SCRIPTURE

Read Acts Chapter 1 and 2:1-41 before meeting with your group.

During your meeting read out loud Acts 2:14-18, 22-24, 38-41

OPENER

What is the single thing you are most actively passionate about in your life?

QUESTIONS

1. Share an area in your life where you have messed up and it has led to you giving up.
2. Mistakes and mess-ups have a way of stealing our passion. How have you experienced this in your life?
3. Where have you let a false version of "perfect" make you consider giving up and losing your passion and your commitment (marriage, job, kids, finances, appearance, etc.)?
4. In the sermon John said that Judas's moment of failure defined him because he gave up; whereas, Peter's moment of failure refined him because he didn't give up. Do you feel more aligned to Judas (giving up in the face of failure) or Peter (not giving up in the face of failure)? Explain.
5. What was the last risk you took for the work of God? How did it turn out? Did God show up in unexpected ways?
6. Peter challenged the people to repent and be baptized in Acts 2:38-41. If you've already been baptized, what prompted you to take this step of faith? If not, what is holding you back?
7. Peter denied Jesus three times, but then repented and returned to Him. How have you had a chance to witness or defend the Lord in the past? Have you denied Christ during any of those times? Why did you deny Him? Discuss a time when you turned back to God after denying Him.



TAKEAWAY

- Mistakes and mess ups have a way of stealing our passion and can lead us to give up.
- The miracle work of Jesus hasn't ended. It continues now through imperfect people who don't give up.
- The passion God wants from you is more than a feeling; it's a commitment.
- God is bigger than your past, your mistakes, and your limitations.
- God feels distant and fake when I stop taking risks and steps of faith.
- Don't let the sin of other people steal your passion.
- Leave your perfect at the door. Repent, believe and choose passion for God again.
- I'm not perfect, but I'm following Someone who is.

REFERENCES

Acts 1:15; Acts 2:14-18, 22-24, 38-41

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read John 21. This takes place between Peter's failure and Peter boldly addressing the crowd in Acts 2. What do you learn about God and Jesus in this passage? What do you learn about mankind?
- Gideon and Moses each believed they were not capable of doing what God wanted (Exodus 3:11-15; 4:1-17; Judges 6:14-17, 34, 36-40). How was God bigger than their past or mistakes or limitations?
- Read 2 Samuel 11:2-15, 26-27; 12:1-9, 13. How did David acknowledge his sins (his mistakes) and repent? Notice that it took a man of faith confronting David to get him to recognize his sin. What responsibility do we have to do the same (Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-2)? What was significant about David's claim about who his sin was against? Was David able to be passionate about God again and serve His Kingdom well (Psalm 32, 51, 1 Kings 3:5-6, Luke 1:32-33; 3:31)?