

THE SIX WEEK PURSUIT + HERO'S LEGACY +

ADULT SMALL-GROUP STUDY

To the Teacher/Independent Studier,

This study is designed to accompany you as you teach the members of our church. This booklet and the accompanying video are only supplements. Feel free to take ownership of the materials and allow the Spirit to lead you as we talk about the heroes of the Bible together.

Included in this packet are pages intended to be handouts to your group/family with fill-in the blank lines that correspond to the video supplements on our Riverside Lighthouse website, and our Riverside Lighthouse YouTube page.

I realize it is much to ask, and that is why your partnership is both deeply appreciated and treasured. May God bless you immensely as we grow in our walk together!

Sincerely,
Your Pastors

Week 4 – “Paul: The Results of Discipline”

Pre-Lesson Study:

To the Teacher:

This lesson will be best accomplished by the Teacher first studying **Acts 9:1-22** and **Hebrews 12:7-13**. If you would like to add any other verses that would enhance the study or speak to your heart, then please feel free to include them. The video portion of the lesson will cover Acts 9:1-22, but you will be responsible for the additional thoughts of Hebrews 12:7-13. As you study, keep the following in mind:

Themes to Keep in Mind:

- As you study the Scriptures, remember our true hero, founder, and perfecter of our faith is Jesus Himself. All of those we read about, who are considered heroes of the faith, are in truth simply reflections of the greatest one of all.
- Keep an eye out for how we can practically apply our faith and for what we can learn from the life and story of Paul.

Questions to Keep in Mind:

- Are discipline and suffering the same thing? Does God want us to suffer? Or, does God want to discipline us?

- Can a person be strong without discipline? How does discipline strengthen us?

Once you have read and studied the 2 Scriptures noted above, you are ready to preview the Adult Group lesson for preparation.

Lesson Opener: Welcome to the 6-Week Pursuit, Week 4, and today's topic: "The Results of Discipline". We will focus on Paul today and what we can learn from this founding father of the church.

Ice Breaker Question: What is the worst injury you ever had? How'd you get hurt?

Video – Ty Weaver – “The Results of Discipline”: pass out the copies of the handout for this lesson and encourage learners to fill in the blanks in the handout as they watch the video.

Learner Handouts – Teacher’s Guide: the corresponding blanks are highlighted

1. Paul's strength began with his **weakness**.
2. Jesus told Ananias that Paul was **chosen**, and that he would **suffer much for the sake of His name**.
3. Paul's walk of faith was marked with **discipline and suffering**.
4. The world will **harm you to kill you**. God will **discipline you to give you life**.
5. Discipline is **painful** but later produces **peaceful good living**.

Video Follow-Up Questions: encourage every member of your group to pitch in an answer as you walk through these questions together.

Question #1 - Are discipline and suffering the same thing?

Question #2 - Why do you think Jesus said Ananias: "For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name," in regards to Paul?

Question #3 - After his commitment to Jesus what changed about Paul in terms of his character, and demeanor, towards other people?

Going Deeper: now read **Hebrews 12:7-13** together. Use your previous study of the passage to inform this portion of the conversation.

Final Question: Do you trust God's discipline? Why or why not? Do you believe God is fair in His discipline? What would it take to increase your trust in God and His discipline?

Prayer Emphasis: conclude the lesson with a time of prayer. You can structure this time however you feel lead. Listed below are some topics that could help guide this time of prayer.

- Pray for God's will in your life
- Pray for Jesus to help you in trusting Him
- Pray for God to give you strength and grace in whatever circumstances you deal with

Continue to the next page for the lesson handouts, questions, and video follow-ups.

LESSON HANDOUTS:

WEEK 4 STUDY “PAUL: THE RESULTS OF DISCIPLINE”

Fill in the blanks as you watch the supplemental video to today’s lesson. If you miss any answers, your group’s teacher can provide them.

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2. Jesus told Ananias that Paul was _____, and that he would _____.
3. Paul’s walk of faith was marked with _____.
4. The world will _____. God will _____.
5. Discipline is _____ but later produces _____.

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