



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Ripple Effect

BIG IDEA: What Jesus sets in motion, stays in motion.

GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is where we Ask, Listen, and Respond to take any action that advances our journey with Jesus.

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KEY VERSE

...Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14

POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

This week, ask Jesus to help you be aware of the people right in front of you and for the power of the Spirit to move through you to reach them.

MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

What Jesus sets in motion, stays in motion. Just like a rock that gets thrown into a pond, the energy of the rock hitting the water creates a ripple effect. The same is true of the ripple effect of Jesus in our lives. Jesus dying on the cross was a seismic event that resulted in the ripple effect that flows into generation after generation. **(Matthew 27:51)** When we are impacted by Jesus, the experience of His goodness, love, and kindness flows to us, flows through us, and ripples into others. Everything good in our lives comes from Jesus and we are to share that with others. **(1Chronicles 29:14)** Here are some ways to experience the ripple effect of Jesus in our own lives.

1. **Be present, be aware.** Peter and John had eyes up and hearts open, which made them aware of what the Lord was going to do through them. **(Acts 3:1-10)** Much of what God wants to do in and through us is unknown to us ahead of time, so we have to be present and aware of who God is putting right in front of us. The move of God is happening, whether we're aware of it or not. **(John 3:8, Ezekiel 12:25)** We must choose to be present and aware of what's in front of us.
2. **Give what you have, not what you don't.** We can't give what we don't have. In the story, Peter gave the crippled man what he did have, and that was Jesus. **(Acts 3:6)** Many times, we attempt to give from our own strength and we get to a point where we feel like we don't have any more to give. We try to do things with our own power, but the waves don't happen. We feel exhausted and beat down. **(Acts 19:16)** It's only when we draw upon the power of the Spirit that we can give from the overflow we receive. Allow the ripple effect of Jesus to break down the sea walls of fear, anxiety, self-doubt, and un-Godly beliefs in our life so that we can experience the move of God right now. It's the Jesus in us that creates the wonder in those around us. **(Acts 3:9-11)**

DISCUSSION

1. Who has God placed in front of you in this season to be present and aware of? (See point #1)
2. Share a time that the ripple effect of Jesus broke down your sea walls (fear, self-doubt, anxiety) and what the effect of that was to those around you. (See Summary)
3. What do you have to give? Wisdom, encouragement, prophecy, healing hands? (See point #2)
4. **What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**
5. **What is your next step?**