

WOMEN IN THE WORD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

THE FOUNDATIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture Reference Notes - September 30, 2025

LESSON THREE: Grace is the Cornerstone

Before the foundations of the earth, God planned for salvation to be by grace not on merit.

2 Timothy 1:9 *“who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began”*

1 Peter 1:18-20 *“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”*

Jesus discipled Peter and shows him God’s grace

Jesus took the time to disciple Peter to prepare Him for future ministry. Jesus displays God’s grace as He reveals Himself and waits for Peter to grow.

Jesus calls Peter, a common fisherman

Matthew 4:18-19 Jesus had a purpose for Peter! Jesus would make Peter a fisher of men. It’s not going to happen quickly.

Jesus begins to show Peter who He is

Matthew 4:23-25 Peter and the other disciples observed what Jesus did and what He said and taught. Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5,6,7

Matthew 8:1-13 Jesus heals the leper and the Roman officer’s servant.

Jesus' touch becomes personal

Matthew 8:14-15 Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law.

Jesus challenges their need for Him

Matthew 14:14-21 Why would Jesus challenge them to feed the crowd. Could they? Jesus was demonstrating their need for Him.

Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately after feeding the 5,000, Jesus MADE them get in the boat. In this passage, we see both Peter's faith and his doubt.

As we have opportunity in other's lives, we need to keep pointing them to Christ. Peter and the other disciples experienced trials - lack of food, storms at sea, etc. It was through these trials that Jesus disciplined them.

Matthew 15 includes more miracles. Healing teaching, feeding, etc.

Jesus' grace to Peter in his wavering

Matthew 16:16-19 Peter fully understands in this moment who Jesus is and Jesus encourages him with a promise regarding his future.

Matthew 16:21-23 In the face of trials predicted by Jesus, Peter relies on his own wisdom and Jesus rebukes him. Give up your own way and your own wisdom and listen to me.

We also need to lead people to listen to Jesus and not human wisdom or the world, or even what makes sense to us.

Peter's limit of forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-22 *Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

Peter was thinking on a human level. To forgive someone of the same offense 7 times seems quite gracious! Jesus tells him that he should forgive 70x7. In other words, "so many times that it's humanly impossible."

Peter's bold claim of loyalty

Matthew 26:30-35 - The disciples are warned of their running away. Peter says *"Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."* Jesus then tells Peter the truth about his own denial, and Peter's claim is this, *"Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!"*

Right after this. Jesus asks them to watch with Him.

Peter falls asleep

Matthew 26:36-46 - Peter and the others could not stay awake and watch. Jesus demonstrates human weakness.

Peter cut off a man's ear

John 18:10-11 *Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"*

Peter is zealous!! I love that about him. I'm sure Jesus did too. Jesus is teaching Peter that he can trust HIM!

Peter's denial

Matthew 26:75 - *And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.*

After denying Jesus three times, Peter comes to the end of his self proclamations. He runs off weeping bitterly through the streets.

Message for Peter

Mark 16:1-8 - Why did the angel say to specifically tell Peter? Remember that Peter had just done the unthinkable. He denied his Savior. Peter would be needing encouragement!

Jesus appears to the disciples on the beach

John 21:1-8 - Peter dives right in and swims to shore. Peter had been broken and brought to the end of himself. He also knows Jesus well enough that he doesn't hide in shame, but he swims to Him to be with Him - Relationship based on grace.

Peter boldly shares the gospel

Acts 2:1-41 - Peter with boldness addresses the very crowd who had crucified Christ. And 3,000 were added to the family of God.

Peter writes to the churches - telling them of God's grace because he experienced it!

1 Peter 1:3-7 - Peter understands the grace and mercy of the Lord! Peter's living hope is Christ resurrected. No longer hoping in himself. Faith (not self-effort) results in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:13-16 - always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

1 Peter 4:7-11 - Peter understands what he has been forgiven. He understands dependence on God and not himself.

2 Peter 1:2-9 - *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world on account of lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they do not make you useless nor unproductive in the true knowledge of*

our Lord Jesus Christ. For the one who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

If you lack these things, it does not say work harder, do better, it says that you have forgotten what Christ did for you.

Peter finishes his writings with these words - He has learned the grace of God

2 Peter 3:17-18 - You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Next Week: October 7

Missions Week – FBC Main Auditorium

All women are invited to this special Global Church Week edition of Women in the Word.

Spend time with our Global Church Partnering ladies for encouragement, relationship-building, and hearing how God is at work in His church across the globe.

Following Week: October 14

Lesson 4 – View of God