



# Discipleship Guide

*Sermon: Igniting the Fire of God*

*Speaker: Pastor Eric*

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## Key Takeaways

- The importance of sharing our faith and actively reaching out to the lost
- The power of personal testimony in evangelism
- The need for believers to be "red hot" for Jesus, not lukewarm
- The call to participate in citywide evangelism efforts (Good News Chicago)
- The transformative power of God in healing and salvation

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## Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Eric shared his powerful testimony of healing from HIV. How has God worked miraculously in your life? How can sharing these experiences impact others?
2. The sermon emphasized the importance of being "red hot" for Jesus. On a scale of 1-5, where would you rate your current spiritual temperature? What factors contribute to this rating?
3. How do you typically respond when opportunities arise to share your faith? What fears or hesitations do you face?

4. The speaker mentioned that "soul winning is not a program, it's a passion." How can we cultivate a genuine passion for reaching the lost in our daily lives?
  5. Discuss the concept of "each one reach one." Who has God placed in your life that you could potentially reach with the Gospel?
  6. How does the story of Andrew bringing Peter to Jesus (John 1:40-42) inspire you in your own evangelism efforts?
  7. What obstacles prevent you from being more active in sharing your faith? How can we as a group support each other in overcoming these challenges?
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## **Practical Applications:**

1. Operation Andrew: Write down the names of 7 unchurched or backslidden friends. Commit to praying for them daily and inviting them to church or the upcoming Good News Chicago event.
2. Practice sharing your testimony: Take turns in the group sharing a 2-3 minute version of your testimony. Provide constructive feedback to help each other communicate more effectively.
3. Text "CHICAGO" to 41989 to register for the Good News Chicago event. Discuss how you can participate and support this citywide evangelism effort.
4. Identify one person in your sphere of influence that you will intentionally share the Gospel with this week. Report back to the group next time about your experience.
5. Spend time in prayer asking God to increase your passion for the lost and to provide opportunities for evangelism in your daily life.
6. Consider starting or joining an outreach initiative in your local community (e.g., at schools, workplaces, or neighborhoods).
7. Memorize a key evangelistic Bible verse together as a group (e.g., Romans 10:9, John 3:16, or Acts 4:12).

## 5-Day Devotionals

### Day 1: The Fire of God's Love

Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Devotional: God's love is like a consuming fire, passionate and transformative. Just as the speaker experienced God's healing power in the face of a seemingly impossible situation, we too can trust in the depth of God's love for us. Today, reflect on how God's love has touched your life. Have you allowed His fire to fully ignite your heart? Consider areas where you might be holding back, and invite God to fan the flames of His love within you. Remember, no situation is beyond His reach or His care.

### Day 2: Faith That Moves Mountains

Reading: Matthew 17:14-20

Devotional: Faith is the catalyst that activates God's power in our lives. The transcription reminds us that even a small step of faith can lead to miraculous outcomes. Think about the areas in your life where you need to exercise greater faith. Are there "mountains" of doubt, fear, or impossibility that you need to speak to? Today, challenge yourself to take a step of faith, no matter how small. Remember, God can use your mustard seed of faith to move mountains and transform lives.

### Day 3: The Power of Salvation

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Devotional: Salvation is not just a one-time event, but an ongoing transformation. The speaker's testimony of finding Christ and experiencing a complete life change reminds us of the power of salvation. Today, reflect on your own salvation story. How has God's grace changed you? If you haven't yet experienced this transformative power, consider opening your heart to Christ today. For those who have, think about how you can share your story with others, becoming a witness to God's saving grace.

#### Day 4: Hope in the Midst of Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:18-39

Devotional: Even in our darkest moments, hope shines through. The speaker's experience with a life-threatening diagnosis and subsequent healing demonstrates that God can bring hope and restoration in any situation. Today, meditate on the hope we have in Christ. If you're going through a difficult time, allow God's promises to anchor your soul. Remember that nothing can separate us from God's love, and He is working all things for good, even when we can't see it.

#### Day 5: Divine Presence in Our Daily Lives

Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

Devotional: God's presence is not confined to church buildings or religious events. He desires to be part of our everyday lives. The transcription emphasizes the importance of living out our faith in all areas of life. Today, consider how you can be more aware of God's presence in your daily routines. How can you invite Him into your work, your relationships, your decisions? Challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone and be a witness for Christ in your sphere of influence. Remember, God promises to be with you wherever you go.