

# Go Deeper

## Disciple Group Leader Guide **GET UP AND GET FREE**

Based on Acts 12:6–11

### Opening

This week's message reminded us that God doesn't leave us in our prisons. Whether our chains are fear, doubt, discouragement, or shame, God meets us where we are and invites us to respond in faith. As we discuss tonight, let's be honest about the areas where we need God's freedom and encourage one another to keep taking the next step.

### Ice Breaker

What's something you had to overcome that seemed impossible at first?

### Opening Prayer

Pray that God would reveal areas where we need His freedom and give us courage to obey His voice.

### Read Together

Acts 12:6–11

*(Optional: Ask several group members to read portions of the passage.)*

### Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. *God knows exactly where you are. No prison, struggle, or season is hidden from Him. He enters our darkest places with His presence.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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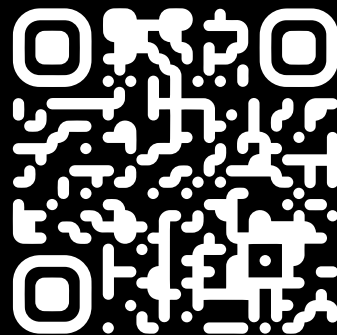
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**TURNING POINT**

2. Fear and doubt are two of the enemy's greatest tools. They may influence us, but they don't have to define us. Faith chooses obedience even when questions remain.
3. Freedom begins with obedience. Peter couldn't remove his own chains, but he could respond when God said, "Get up."
4. *Faith keeps moving before the miracle is complete. Peter put on his sandals before the prison doors opened.*
5. *God opens doors we cannot open ourselves. Our responsibility is to keep following Him and trust Him with what only He can do.*

## **Discussion Questions**

### **God Meets Us Where We Are:** Psalm 34:18

*Peter wasn't forgotten in prison. God entered his situation before anything changed.*

- *Why do we sometimes feel like God has forgotten us?*
- *How have you experienced God's presence during a difficult season?*
- *What encourages you about knowing God comes to us before we're "free"?*

### **Fear or Faith?:** 2 Timothy 1:7

*The sermon compared Peter's chains to fear and doubt.*

- *Which one do you wrestle with more: fear or doubt?*
- *How do those struggles affect your walk with God?*
- *What truth from Scripture helps you combat those lies?*

### **Responding to God's Voice:** Acts 12:7

*Peter responded before he fully understood what God was doing.*

- *Why is obedience sometimes harder than waiting?*
- *What's one area where God may be asking you to "get up"?*
- *How can this group encourage you in that step?*

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## **Keep Walking by Faith:** *2 Corinthians 5:7*

Peter put on his sandals before the gate opened.

- What does "putting on your sandals" look like in your life?
- Have you ever seen God honor obedience before you saw the outcome?

## **God Opens Impossible Doors** : *Revelation 3:7*

Peter couldn't open the gate, but God could.

- Is there a situation you've been trying to solve in your own strength?
- What would it look like to trust God with what only He can do?

## **Sermon Truth**

- Freedom isn't found in our strength. It's found in our response to God's voice. As we obey Him one step at a time, He breaks chains, opens doors, and leads us into the freedom only He can provide.

## **Leader Insight**

- Freedom is often a process, not a single moment. Encourage group members to celebrate small steps of obedience rather than waiting for every circumstance to change.

## **Application**

Ask each person to answer one or more:

- Which sermon point challenged you the most?
- What "chains" are you asking God to help you break?
- What is one step of obedience you'll take this week?
- How can this group pray for you specifically?

**Memory Verse :** John 8:36 (CSB)

"So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free."

**Closing Challenge**

- This week, when fear or doubt surfaces, remember Peter's story. Instead of focusing on the chains, ask yourself, "What's my next step of obedience?" Take that step and trust God with what only He can do.

**This Week's Challenge**

- Identify one area where you've felt spiritually stuck. Each day this week, pray specifically over that area and intentionally take one action that reflects trust in God rather than fear.

**Closing Reflection**

Before you leave, take a moment to consider:

- Where is God asking me to "get up"?
- What step of obedience have I been avoiding?
- What "gate" do I need to trust God to open?

Pause for a moment of quiet reflection before closing in prayer.

**Closing Prayer**

Pray that God would:

- Break chains of fear, doubt, shame, and discouragement.
- Give courage to obey His voice.
- Strengthen each person to keep walking by faith.
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## **Leader Notes**

- Create a safe space for honest sharing - this week's topic may bring up personal experiences with disappointment, loss, or unanswered prayers. Allow people to share at their own comfort level, and avoid pressuring anyone to speak.
- Listen more than you teach. Resist the urge to answer every question or fill every silence. Give people space to process and respond.
- Point people to hope. The goal of this discussion isn't to explain every disappointment but to remind one another that God remains faithful, even when life doesn't unfold as expected.
- Follow up - reach out to group members during the week

**Leader Reminder:** Your role is to facilitate discussion, not deliver another sermon. Encourage participation, keep the conversation rooted in Scripture, and create space for the Holy Spirit to work through God's Word and within your group.