



Discussion Guide for “What Makes a Good Disciple?”

Reconnected Week 5

What makes a good convert to Christianity? Too often the church pursues wealth, fame and power. But as Paul's experiences in Thessalonica and Berea illustrate that it's not those markers of cultural success and acclaim we're used to admiring. Rather, what makes a good disciple is one who is curious and faith-filled. How do we spot that today?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Acts 17:1-4, 6-8. 10-12; Psalm 63:1-8; John 11:17-27; 1 Peter 1:3-9

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Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Psalm 63:1-8](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What does the word 'cool' mean to you? What do you think of as 'cool'? Is faith cool?
2. Do you find it strange that Luke seemed to care so much about the respectable people who seemed drawn to the early church? What do you make of his comments?
3. Paul and Silas' missions keep causing disruptions. What do you think was so disruptive about their message?
4. Compare their reception in Thessalonica and Berea. What does the Bereans' attitude tell you about what it takes to be part of God's kingdom?
5. Do you consider yourself faithful? What does faithfulness look like this week for you?