



Discussion Guide for “Evangelizing the Church”

Reconnected Week 6

Not everyone who claims to be a Christian is following Jesus. That’s scary to admit, but it’s been true since the earliest days of the Church. What should our response be to those who claim Christianity but don’t look like our Christ? We turn to Peter’s words to his contemporaries in Acts 3 for a surprisingly grace-filled and truth-filled message of invitation and hope.

Scriptures for Further Reading

Acts 3:18-26; Psalm 27:1-2, 4-5, 7, 10, 13-14; Matthew 7:1-5, 15-18; Luke 14:7-14; 1 Peter 3:13-22

[Click here](#) to read all scriptures

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 12:1-14](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What does it mean to observe that a person might be a Christian but not know Jesus?
2. Return to Acts 3:18-26. Why does it matter that Peter is addressing fellow Jewish people here? How is this different from what we’ve seen Paul do later in Acts?
3. Return to Jesus’ words about judging others in Matthew 7. Why does he warn us about fruit if he also tells us not to judge? What’s going on there?
4. What do you think it looks like to share the good news about Jesus with people who already consider themselves deeply religious, but are not bearing the fruit of the Spirit?
5. How is God calling you to respond to Peter’s message in Acts 3 this week?