

Sermon Discussion Guide

First Things First – Week 3

We Need to Talk

October 3, 2021

Big Idea

Sometimes, before we enter a new season or chapter, we must first address the hurt or pain caused by a Judas, forgive, and move on.

Icebreaker

When was the last time you gave a speech or presentation? How did it go?

Discussion Questions

This week we will be examining the steps Peter took to help guide the disciples through recovering from the pain of Judas' betrayal. Read **Acts 1:12-23** together first.

1. Review **Acts 1:12-15**. Peter acknowledged the elephant in the room. Did you grow up in a home where problems were addressed or was the typical response to sweep things under the rug? How good are you at addressing uncomfortable situations now?
2. Review **Acts 1:17**. Peter addressed the hurt. What do you think the disciples were feeling/thinking at this time? What are some blinders that prevent us from seeing the hurt we're experiencing?
3. Review **Acts 1:16**. Peter painted the whole Gospel picture. How did the Scripture Peter quoted (Psalm 69:25 & 109:8) help the disciples process? What did these prophecies reveal about Jesus? What passages help you keep a healthy, godly perspective of difficult circumstances?
4. Review **Acts 1:18-20**. Peter didn't downplay the severity of the situation. Why is honesty an important part of the healing process? How do we balance grace and truth?
5. Review **Acts 1:21-23**. Peter and the other disciples moved on. What does moving on look like? How does moving on affect the pain we've experienced?

Concluding Question

Maybe you've thought of specific pain and/or betrayal you still need to process. How can your group pray for you as you walk through it?

Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Acknowledging and addressing pain
- Keeping a healthy perspective
- Forgiving and moving on
- The Trading Post ministry in Springville