DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

NOVEMBER 8 - 14

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

As disciples, we're called not just to be informed but to be transformed into people who look more like Jesus—in our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. This guide helps you apply what we're learning at Lakepointe to your weekly rhythms. Use it to engage in daily Bible reading, have meaningful conversations with your group, and take clear next steps in following Jesus.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

As we continue our series, **Into the Breach**, we are reminded that stepping into the broken places of our world requires more than good intentions; it requires a willingness to surrender our lives completely to Jesus. Who we are becoming is the ultimate goal of a disciple, not what we might accomplish. Following Jesus means being willing to do whatever He asks and go wherever He leads, because He is shaping us to be more and more like himself. The life Jesus invites us into is not found by protecting what we have or pursuing what we want, but by giving ourselves fully to Him. As disciples, we are challenged to examine what we are holding onto, identify where we are resisting God's direction, and take faithful steps of obedience wherever He calls us. After all, we cannot help restore what is broken in the world if we are unwilling to let Jesus transform what is happening in us.

RESOURCES:

- Sermon: **Into The Breach | November 7-8 | Pastor Mike Breaux**
- Daily Bible Reading: *Follow along with our 21 Days of Prayer Devotional in the Lakepointe App*
- Podcast: **This Election Was a Warning. Most Christians Are Missing It | Live Free Ep. 101**

KEY VERSE:

"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."

— Mark 8:35

GROUP DISCUSSION

CONVERSATION STARTER:

In the middle of a busy day, what is something or someone you would be willing to drop everything for, even if it completely changed your plans?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What has God shown you this week in your **daily devotions**?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14–15.** Paul teaches that because Jesus gave His life for us, we should no longer live for ourselves but for Him. Where are you tempted to live for yourself rather than for Jesus?
- **Read Matthew 4:18–22.** Jesus' first disciples left behind their families, careers, and hometowns to follow Him. What might Jesus be asking you to loosen your grip on so you can follow Him more fully?
- **Read John 12:24–26.** Jesus compares following Him to a grain of wheat that must die to produce a new stalk with many pieces of grain. What might God want to produce in your life through surrender that you would otherwise miss?
- **Read Ephesians 1:4.** What does this verse reveal about God's purpose for who we are becoming? Where are you more focused on what you can accomplish than on who God is shaping you to become?
- **Read Jeremiah 29:11 & Mark 8:35.** How do these passages challenge the idea that surrendering to Jesus means missing out on life? What is one area you are being prompted to surrender so you can experience the full life God has prepared for you?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Surrender & Ripple: Following Jesus means going wherever He leads and doing whatever He calls you to do. Surrender is where the ripples begin. Through Into the Breach, your commitment can create ripples in our city, our state, and around the world for generations to come. As we prepare for Commitment Weekend, spend time each day asking God to cultivate a heart of surrender in you and reveal the step of obedience He is calling you and your family to take.

As you consider that step and how it will shape your walk with Jesus, watch a special message from Pastor Josh and Jana at intothebreach.lakepointe.church/commit.

PRAYER GUIDE

Into the Breach - Pray that God would continue to give you courage and strength to run into the breaches of your life, family and community

LIVE FREE PODCAST

DEEPER DIVE INSIGHTS FROM LIVE FREE PODCAST EPISODE 101

This Election Was a Warning. Most Christians Are Missing It

How should Christians respond when culture moves away from biblical truth? Pastors Josh Howerton, Carlos Erazo, and Paul Cunningham reflect on the 2026 midterm elections, examining God's sovereignty, the warnings of Romans 1, and the importance of keeping allegiance to Jesus above political identity. They emphasize that political solutions cannot fix spiritual problems and that lasting transformation begins with the gospel. Turning to Mark 8, they explore Jesus' call to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. Through stories of revival, church history, and everyday obedience, they remind listeners that small acts of faithfulness can create a lasting impact for generations.

God's Sovereignty Is Greater Than Politics | Psalm 47:7–8; Luke 21:28

Political outcomes change, but God's authority never does. Christians can engage culture with biblical conviction while keeping their ultimate allegiance and hope in Jesus.

- God reigns over every nation, regardless of political leadership.
- Scripture must shape our political convictions, not party loyalty.
- Disappointing outcomes should deepen our trust in God, not diminish our hope.

Rejecting God's Truth Leads to Spiritual Decline | Romans 1:18–32; 2 Timothy 4:3–4

Romans 1 warns that rejecting God's truth leads to distorted worship and moral compromise. When personal desires or cultural ideologies take priority over Scripture, people begin redefining right and wrong.

- Suppressing God's truth leads to idolatry and spiritual decline.
- God's passive judgment allows people to experience the consequences of rejecting Him.
- Cultural acceptance does not determine biblical truth.
- Spiritual discernment requires submitting our beliefs to Scripture.

The Gospel Changes What Politics Cannot | Romans 3:23–26; Romans 12:1–2

Humanity's deepest problem is spiritual, and only Jesus can provide the ultimate solution. Political involvement has its place, but lasting transformation begins with the gospel and produces lives surrendered to God.

- Politics cannot solve humanity's problem of sin.
- Romans 3 reveals our need for salvation through Jesus.
- Romans 12 shows how the gospel transforms worship and behavior.
- Spiritual revival begins with changed hearts and extends into communities.

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Give Your Life Away to Find It | Mark 8:34–37; Galatians 6:9
Jesus calls His followers to surrender their own desires and live for His purposes. Even small acts of obedience can have an eternal impact far beyond what we see today.

- Following Jesus requires self-denial and daily obedience.
- Small acts of faithfulness can influence generations.
- Unexpected interruptions may become opportunities for ministry.
- Obedience matters even when the results remain unseen.

Practical Application —
Evangelism:

- Prioritize sharing Jesus over winning political arguments.
- Invest in prayer, discipleship, and relationships that encourage spiritual growth.

Everyday Discipleship:

- Look for opportunities to serve others in ordinary moments.
- Surrender personal priorities when God calls you to act.
- Remain faithful even when your impact isn't immediately visible.

> **You never know what little thing that you will do will change the course of human history.**
> — Pastor Josh Howerton

Recommended Resources

- **John Piper — Rescuing from Hell and Renewing the World –** https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/missions-rescuing-from-hell-and-renewing-the-world
- **Lakepointe Church App —** Text APP to 20411
- **Live Free Merch —** https://livefree.shop