# **Bible Study Summary**

# **Adult Bible Studies**

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**Bible Study Scope and Sequence**

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| **Series Title** | **Bible Study Title** | **Lesson Text** | **Peter Addresses** |
| **Peter: From Failed Disciple to Faithful Witness** | **Bearing Witness to People Like You** | Acts 2:1-41 | The Jewish Crowd on Pentecost |
| **Bearing Witness to People Against You** | Acts 5:12-32 | Jewish Religious Authorities |
| **Bearing Witness to People NOT Like You** | Acts 10 | The Gentile Cornelius and his Household |
| **Bearing Witness to People who are Suffering** | 1 Peter 4 | Suffering Christians |

* **Theme:** Peter: Failed Disciple to Faithful Witness
* **Rationale:** The focus of this series of Adult Bible Studies is on the transformation in Peter’s life as Christ expands Peter’s understanding of salvation, the Kingdom of God, and Jesus’ mission to the world. As was common in Peter’s day and location, Peter grew up assuming the promised Messiah would be a Jewish leader for the Jewish people. Like the salvation King David brought from Israel’s oppressors, the salvation Peter and others were initially looking for from Jesus was a salvation from Roman occupation. However, God’s Kingdom is not limited to one people or one location. God’s Kingdom is for all peoples in all lands. Jesus truly died to save anyone and everyone, regardless of their past, religion, or race. Over the course of this study, students will be challenged to see how their understanding of salvation and the Kingdom of God may also be too small. As God pushed Peter to more fully understand God’s expansive love and salvation, so also these students will be challenged to more fully understand not only salvation and God’s Kingdom, but also their role in helping others encounter this Jesus we worship and serve.

**Note:** All names have been changed in the sermon illustrations.