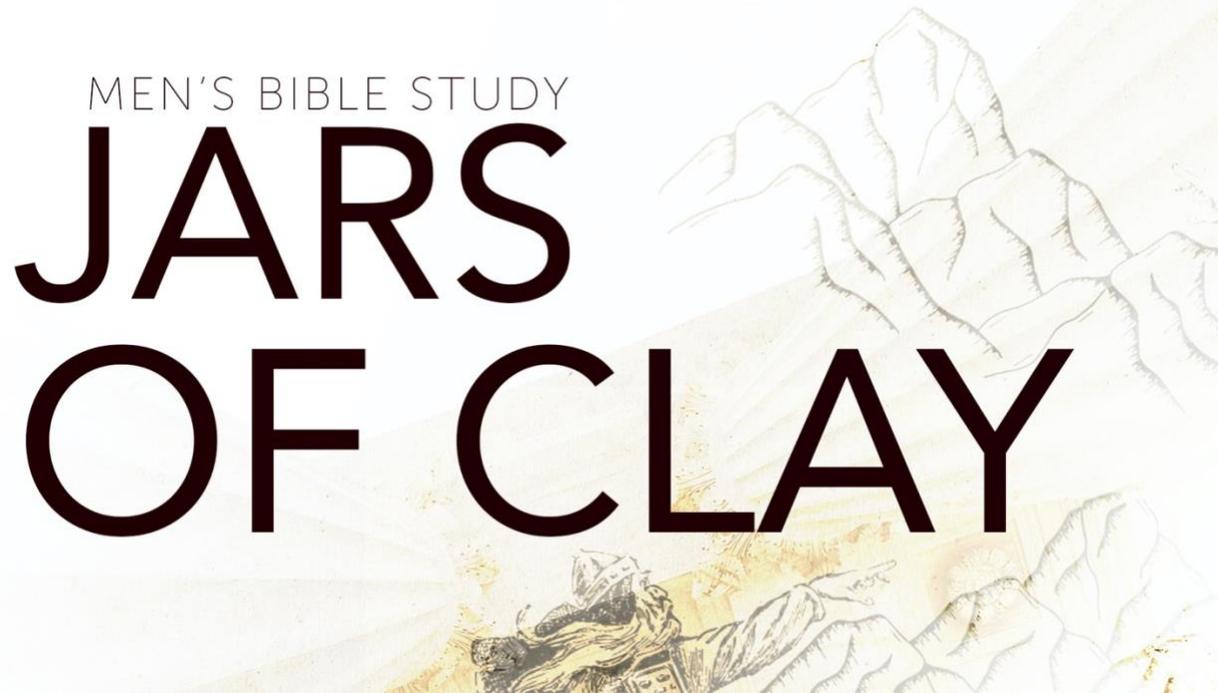


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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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SESSION SIX:

ANANIAS – READY AND WILLING

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Acts 9:10-20

**1. Ananias Was a _____ and _____
Disciple of Jesus**

Disciples say “no” to...

- _____
- _____
- _____

Acts 22:12

2. Ananias Was _____ to God’s _____

John 10:27

1 Samuel 3

John 14:15

Luke 6:46-49

3. Ananias Had a _____ to _____

2 Timothy 1:7

Matthew 5:44

SESSION SIX GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Review your notes from this week's teaching. Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

What is the most difficult thing God has told you to do? Why was it difficult? What was the result of your obedience/disobedience?

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Read Luke 10:24-42

1. What are some characteristics of a disciple of Jesus according to these verses?
2. How did Ananias display some of these characteristics as a disciple of Jesus?
3. Do you think there is a difference between a "believer" in Jesus and a "disciple" of Jesus? If so, how is a disciple different than a believer?

Read John 10:1-5, 14-16, 27

1. What do these verses teach us about listening to the voice of the Lord?
2. In Acts 9, the Lord spoke to both Ananias and Saul in a vision. In what ways does God speak to you? How are you able to tell that it is the voice of the Lord?
3. When the Lord called to Ananias in Acts 9:10, he answered, "Yes, Lord" or "Here I am, Lord." God was able to use Ananias because he was ready and available. Do you think most Christians today are ready and available to answer God when He calls like Ananias? Why or why not?

4. How different do you think your life might look if you were always in a “Yes, Lord” frame of mind?

Read Matthew 5:43-47

1. Ananias did not give in to feelings of fear or resentment when God told him to go lay hands upon Saul and pray for him, even though Saul was a known enemy of the church. What do these verses in Matthew 5:42-47 teach us about how we should act towards our enemies?
2. Think of the most anti-Christian person you know. If God told you to go and minister to them, would you find it difficult to obey? Why or why not?
3. Hostility towards Christianity and Christians in our culture and time is on the increase. What would “loving our enemies” and “praying for those who persecute us” look like today?

Read Acts 9:17-22

1. What were some of the results of Ananias' obedience?
2. How do you think Saul felt when he heard Ananias say, “Brother Saul?”

Think of how the rest of the New Testament and the expansion of the kingdom of God would have been different had Ananias not been obedient.

3. What are the biggest obstacles in your life when it comes to being obedient to God? How have you (or can you) overcome these obstacles?
4. When you have overcome these obstacles in the past and been obedient to God, what were the results?

SESSION SIX GROUP PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

