



"Buying Gold in Friendship with Jesus" | 7/26/26-8/1/26

LOOK BACK: TESTIMONIES & GOALS/ACCOUNTABILITY RECAP: *As you look back over last week, what steps did you take to meet your action goals from your last meeting? Also, did you love on people by praying with someone, sharing your testimony with them, discipling them, or sharing God's story with them?*

LOOK UP: This Sunday we considered Jesus' invitation in Revelation 3:18 to "buy from Me gold refined in the fire," alongside Peter's teaching that the testing of our faith is more precious than gold (1 Pet. 1:6–9). Throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself as relentlessly committed to making His Son known to His people. The refining of our faith is not an end in itself, but God's means of bringing us into a deeper knowledge of Christ, so that though we do not see Him, we trust Him; and though we cannot always understand His ways, we love Him still. As disciples, we are invited to respond to His refining work by pursuing a deeper knowledge of Jesus and yielding every competing affection to Him. Ultimately, He is forming us into a people who treasure Christ above every lesser affection and become a suitable bride for the Lamb.

GROUP PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Read 1 Peter 1:6–9.** Peter says that genuine faith expresses itself in love for the unseen Christ. What trial, disappointment, or unanswered prayer is testing your faith right now? How is Jesus inviting you to trust Him instead of demanding explanations? What would faithful obedience look like this week?
2. **Read Revelation 3:18–20.** Jesus lovingly exposes the areas where His people think they are rich but are actually in need, and then invites them to receive from Him. Is there an area of self-reliance, comfort, or misplaced confidence that the Lord is asking you to surrender? What is one practical way you can intentionally seek Him this week instead?
3. **Song of Songs 5:2–8, 16.** Even after experiencing the painful absence of her beloved, the bride still declares, "He is altogether lovely." What circumstance has made it difficult for you to delight in Jesus or trust His leadership? What practice this week (prayer, worship, Scripture meditation, thanksgiving, etc.) will help you intentionally fix your heart on the beauty of Christ rather than your circumstances?

LOOK FORWARD: SET GOALS & ACCOUNTABILITY: *Spend time together in prayer.*

(1) Where is the Holy Spirit calling you to grow or obey this week? Write down one specific step and be ready to share next week.

(2) Who can you encourage, pray for, serve, or share Jesus with this week?

(3) Who could you begin discipling or inviting into an FDG, and what obstacle do you need prayer for?

PURPOSE OF FDG's:

To raise up disciple-making believers who follow Jesus by experientially teaching others to walk in His ways.