



# LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42*

**SERIES:**

Metamorphosis

**MESSAGE TITLE:**

From Possessed to Proclaimer

**MESSAGE DATE:**

01/12/2025

**MESSAGE SUMMARY:**

Pastor Matt's sermon was about the transformative power of gratitude through the story of Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene, whose life was changed when Jesus cast out seven demons, displayed her gratitude through generous actions, devotion to Jesus, witnessing the resurrection, and a spirit of praise. Pastor Matt encouraged the congregation to reflect on their lives and consider how they express their gratitude for the transformative work Jesus has done in them.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1.) How does the story of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker relate to the theme of gratitude for God's provision in our lives?

*Rickenbacker fed seagulls every Friday out of gratitude for the seagull that provided sustenance during his dire situation.*

*Can you think of a time when someone helped you in a difficult situation? How did you show your gratitude to that person?*

- 2.) What do you think it means to live a life of gratitude like Mary Magdalene, based on what Pastor shared?

*Mary Magdalene showed her gratitude through service, generosity, and devotion after her life was transformed by Jesus.*

*How can you actively express your gratitude to Jesus in your daily life?*

- 3.) In Luke 8, Mary Magdalene is described as someone who was cured of seven demons by Jesus. What does this story tell us about the power of Jesus in our lives?

*Mary Magdalene's radical transformation exemplifies Jesus' ability to change lives.*

*Have you experienced a transformation in your life? How has that impacted your relationship with others and with God?*



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- 4.) How can we demonstrate our gratitude more effectively through our actions, just like Mary Magdalene showed her devotion to Jesus?

*Mary followed Jesus and supported His ministry out of gratitude for the change in her life.*

*What specific action can you take this week to express your gratitude to someone in your life?*

- 5.) Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the resurrected Jesus. Why is witnessing so important for someone who has experienced a transformation?

*Witnessing about Jesus is a natural response to being radically changed by Him.*

*How comfortable do you feel sharing your faith with others? What might help you become more comfortable in sharing your experiences?*