

Mount Vernon Students **Discussion Guide • Week 5**

When you pause the video read through Luke 4:31-37.

Ask what sticks out to students- is it Jesus' authority? The fear the spirit has of Jesus? The amazement people have of Jesus? That the spirit comes out without injury?

Ask why what sticks out to them does; see if they can relate it to everyday life.

Introduce a time of confession and prayer. "We are going to take time today to share anything that needs to be called out in our lives. If its laziness, distraction, self-worth, self-image, lust, or whatever. Let students know small group is a safe space."

Go around the circle and let each student speak.

After everyone speaks, ask how he or she could be better, what could help him or her with whatever they are dealing with.

Perhaps: a verse as their lock screen. A sticky note on their mirror. Someone in small group checking up. Setting an alarm for prayer time or bible time. As a small group you could pray together at the same time every day.

Then have each person pray for the person beside him or her going around the circle. As a leader open and close.

Have each student commit to praying for that person throughout the week.

Then restart the video

After the second video read through again and ask the same question, what sticks out and why?

Do we serve out of duty or obligation? –no. we should serve out of the overflow of our relationship with Jesus. It's the natural overflow of our relationship with Jesus.

How are we serving? Who are people God has laid on our heart to serve?

This week pray about 1 or 2 people to serve. Perhaps this is through checking up with a text or calling. Perhaps its baking something for someone and bringing it to them.

Maybe you write someone a letter. Share as a group and check back next week.