



# Invitations to Dinner with Jesus

*video course by Bishop Joe*



## Session Two: Invitation to lunch in a cornfield

### Bible Study Leaders Guide

#### Welcome and Prayer

5 min

Welcome everyone and invite a moment of stillness.

Opening Prayer (or adapt as needed):

*Lord Jesus, You are the Son of Man, Lord even of the Sabbath. As we gather together to reflect on your word, help us to let go of the notion that we have life figured out. Teach us to rest in your presence and to follow you as our Lord and King. Amen.*

#### Watch the Video

10 min

Play Bishop Joe's 8-minute video (or read aloud the transcript if video isn't available).

#### Initial Reflections

5 min

- What stood out to you from Bishop Joe's message?
- Have you ever read this passage before? If so, did this reflection change how you see it?

#### Scripture Reading

5 min

Read Luke 6:1-5 aloud.

#### Discussion Questions

25 min

- Why do you think the Pharisees were so focused on the disciples actions in the grainfield?
- Bishop Joe suggests that Jesus could have defended his disciples in simpler ways but chose a bold claim instead. Why do you think Jesus took that approach?
- What does it mean when Jesus says "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath?" (vs 5)
- How do you interpret the idea that Jesus is "upping the ante" by claiming authority over the sabbath?
- What practices does Bishop Joe suggest are necessary for us to learn from Jesus?
- What does Bishop Joe say we must "let go of" in order to be taught by Jesus?
- What does spending time with Jesus look like in your daily life?

## Prayer Response

5-15 min

Take some time to respond in prayer. Below are a few suggestions of different ways you could invite your group to respond in prayer. Pick one that is most appropriate for your group or pray to close your time together as you normally would.

### **Daily Prayer**

Pray together the appropriate daily office which can be found at <https://daily.commonworship.com> or on the Fruitful App.

### **Grains of Grace**

- Invite each person to take a few grains (or rice/lentils as a substitute) and silently reflect on this question: Where in my life do I need to trust Jesus more deeply as Lord?
- Using small pieces of paper, invite people to write their response down and place in an envelope along with the grains before praying together

Prayer Prompt: *Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life and Lord of the Sabbath. Teach us to trust you with our needs, our rest, and our future.*

### **Taize Prayer**

Taize prayer is communal meditative prayer where you sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs. Spend some time listening to a song such as Lord Jesus Christ before concluding with the Lord's prayer.

### **Path of Decisions**

Consider creating a physical path or using the printout overleaf, invite people to consider what it looks like to follow Jesus as Lord in each of the following areas:

*Work, Family, Time, Money, Relationships*

# Following *Jesus*

What does it look like to follow Jesus in each of the following areas?

