

Group Discussion Guide - Week of 3.12.23 to 3.18.23

This guide is designed to help you create space for real connection and conversation with your group. Don't feel any pressure to answer every question each week. Instead, let the Holy Spirit lead you as you lead your group in discovering what God wants to speak to you all.

Loving (30min)

20min: Questions for Conversation & Accountability

- Q1. How have you seen God at work in your life over the past week?
- Q2. What was one high and one low from the past week?
- Q3. How did you do with living out what we talked about last week?

10min: Prayer Requests

- Q1. How can we be praying for you this coming week?

Learning (30min)

10min: Reflecting on Sunday's Message:

- Q1. What did you agree with, disagree with, or have a question about?
- Q2. If you could ask Travis one question about the message, what would it be?

20min: Reflecting on Scripture

1. Read Luke 9:51 & 10:38-42
 - a. Chapter 9 of Luke is all about what Jesus expected of those who followed him. What do you think Jesus setting his face toward Jerusalem (and the cross) says about his expectations of those who followed him then and those of us who follow him now?
 - b. When Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha, he set off a chain of activity rooted in cultural expectations of welcome and hospitality. How does Martha turn a good thing, providing for the needs of Jesus and his followers, into a distraction or burden? How does this tie into Martha's question in Luke 10:40?
 - c. In Luke 10:42, the phrase "better part/portion" is mealtime language (in the Greek) that refers to a portion of food at a dinner table. Why do you think Jesus uses this language here? What does this say about Jesus' view of the situation unfolding in front of him and the balance between "being" and "doing?"

Living (30min)

This week, spend some time reflecting on the Cross. You might think about your own need for Jesus' death. You could consider how the Cross is the place of Jesus' greatest agony and also the means of his total victory over sin and death. You might even ask yourself what it would have been like to be an early follower of Jesus who, having seen the crucifixion, hears Jesus' words about "picking up the cross" to follow him in a new light. Whatever you do, take a few moments to think through what it would look like to live your own life aimed at the Cross and how, like Jesus, focusing on the work of God there should shape your being and doing.