



## April 19-26 Sermon Reflection and Reading Guide

### Key Points to reflect on from the sermon:

- Prior to the message Brian shared that as much as we long to get back to normal perhaps “back to normal” is not best or what God wants. God brings pain and seasons of difficulty into our lives to wake us up, to get our attention, and to bring about change. How should this pandemic lead to a new normal in your life?
- The crowd isn’t really interested in who Jesus is but in what Jesus can do for them. They were looking for the benefits of Jesus and they missed the person of Jesus. How is this a danger that you face? Ask yourself: do I primarily love God because of what he can do for me or do I love him because of who he is?
- A disciple is called and commissioned.
- Jesus calls those whom he wants. Let that to sink in...If you are a follower of Jesus its because Jesus wanted you. He pursued you and initiated a relationship with you. He orchestrated events in your life that you could know Him.
- A disciple is commissioned to be with Jesus and to be sent out.
- The NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF A DISCIPLE IS TO BE WITH JESUS. How does this challenge you?
- *“If you neglect time alone with God, you are on your way to uselessness.” John Piper*
- A disciple is commissioned to be sent out to preach. How can you share the Gospel with others especially during this pandemic?
- Jesus gives authority to all of his disciples throughout history. How does this encourage you to take risks for Jesus, to talk to others, and to go to dark places?
- Are you part of the crowd or are you a disciple?

### Daily Bible Reading for this Week

4/20: Luke 12

4/21: Luke 13

4/22: Luke 14

4/23: Luke 15

4/24: Luke 16

### For Group Leaders and Group Discussion

Use zoom to connect with group members. The first 40 meetings are free. There is a need to use this time wisely. So divide your time into three increments:

- Check in: ask each person to tell the group how they are doing and how the group can pray for them.
- Discuss sermon and reading: what has God been teaching you through His Word and the teaching from Sunday? How can you apply what you are reading? How are you sharing the love of Jesus with others or how can you share the love of Jesus with others this week?
- Read a passage of Scripture together and pray: Read Luke 12 together and especially focus on verses 22-31 which speak of anxiety. Pick the passage apart. What are the various reasons that Jesus tells us not to worry? What are we to do instead? How can you apply this?