



SO ARE WE
WEEK 4, October 3, 2026

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

What experiences come to mind when you think about times Jesus or Christianity may have been used to promote someone's personal agenda or ulterior motives? How did those experiences affect you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you consider that Jesus observed what was happening in the temple one day and then returned the following day to respond, how does that influence the way you understand this scene and Jesus' anger?
2. **Read Isaiah 53:4–7.** As you look at this passage alongside Jesus' words about who is welcomed into the temple, what kinds of extra barriers might have been used to keep people who desired to follow God's ways from fully participating in the worshiping community?
3. When Jesus talks about the "fruit" He expects from us, what do you think that fruit looks like in our everyday lives? How might the fruit we expect from ourselves compare with the fruit we expect to see in others?
4. As we grow in our faith, we can become more comfortable and connected with people who are like us while becoming more distant from those who are different from us. Why do you think we can move in the opposite direction of what Jesus calls us to do?
5. **Read 1 John 4:18–19.** When have you experienced God's perfect love giving you courage and helping you move beyond fear?
6. Who is God calling you to pray for, and what might it look like to pray for that person this week?