



THE
ORIGINAL
JESUS

LIFEGroup Study Guide



Luke 14:25-33 // The American Jesus

Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- What connotations did you associate with being “a disciple” previously on your journey?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- **HEAD - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.**
- Read Luke 14:25-33
- This passage teaches us that we must be ready to give up anything God calls us to as His disciples. Jesus desires that the disciple does not want anything in his or her life that is an obstacle to him or her following Jesus Christ. What were some obstacles for you on your journey that you needed to give up?

- What does the phrase “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) say about the sacrifice needed to follow Jesus?
- **HEART - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**
- Some believe that Jesus chose the United States of America as God’s chosen nation to be a light to the rest of the world and that political legislation can bring in the kingdom of God. How do these beliefs square with Scripture? Read Revelation 7:9-10 and Galatians 3:28.
- What happens to the church’s witness when church members who hold to conservative values are living in an openly rebellious lifestyle?
- Read John 13:34-35.
- **HANDS - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.**
- Sin is always lurking at the door to tempt us. What temptation is God calling on you to renounce right now?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you’ve encountered it in this week’s Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What’s an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How’s your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you’re building and spiritual conversations you’re having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
 - List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

- What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
- How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?