



GROUPS

THE BOOK OF

LUKE

SEPT 17 - LEADER GUIDE

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Once you've had time to greet everyone, talk, and have some food, gather everyone together. (Name tags are probably a good idea again.) Thank everyone for being there again and pray over your evening together. Remember to be GREAT HOSTS!

SHARE

In most groups, you will have multiple people that were not with you the first week. In order to start fresh with everyone, go around the room again with quick 30-45 second introductions covering the basics.

- Who are you? (name, where do you live, family members, work, etc.)
- How long have you lived in the Kingman area?
- How long have you been at Journey Church?

Icebreaker Questions (use whichever questions you want!):

- For those of you who grew up without the internet, what did you do as a child for fun?
- What was a favorite book or story or movie from your childhood?
- If your life was written down and recorded in a book, what would the title be?

Again, spend as much time as needed on this section as we are still building up relationships! You don't have to use all of these questions, but get people connecting and getting to know new things about each other each week.

If you have new members this week, spend a little time talking through group values, expectations, and guidelines again. You can ask your other group members to help you recap, and also ask if they've thought of anything new. As a reminder, here are the questions we used last week (feel free to have new members share their answers for these):

- HOPES - Why did you sign up for one of these groups? What are you hoping to get out of this Journey Group?
- EXPECTATIONS - What expectations do you have for being in this group? What expectations can we have of each other?
- COVENANT of PURPOSE AND VALUES

STUDY

Digging Deeper into "The Book of Luke - Luke 19:11-27."

1. Our scripture this week is Jesus' last teaching to his disciples before he makes it to Jerusalem. He will go from a celebration feast at Zaccheus' house to the last supper and to the cross in less than a week. What he shares in this parable was really important for them to hear, and is really important for us to hear as well. **Read Luke 19:11-27.**
2. **Reread verse 11.** What was going on with the people's expectations that precipitated Jesus telling this parable? What did they think was about to happen in Jerusalem?
3. In the parable there is a group of people who tried to keep the king from being put in charge. Why does Jesus include these details in this parable? *(The people are expecting unstoppable victory and Jesus knows he will face savage opposition at the hands of the Pharisees.)*
4. Why did the religious leaders stop at nothing in order to kill Jesus? What was their motives for murder?
5. Ultimately the religious leaders didn't want to give up their power, authority and control. They claimed they were waiting for the Messiah, but when He came they killed him. We need to be careful to not be like them. We can claim we are all in for Jesus, but who is really in charge of your life? How can you determine who is in charge of you life?

6. From the feast at Zaccheus's house to being bloodied and nailed to a cross is less than a week. If Jesus' disciples and closest friends truly understood what was about to happen, what do you think they would have been trying to do?
7. If Jesus knew what was waiting for Him in Jerusalem, epic suffering and then crucifixion, why did He not turn aside? Why did He still go?
(Because he and the Father wanted to save you. -- Its so good to personalize this reality.)
8. **Reread 19:12-26.** For the 2 faithful and fruitful servants, what was their reward? For the unfaithful servant, what was his excuse?
9. He basically took what He was given, wrapped it in a rag, and tossed it in a drawer. His attitude was "Why would I work for you if I don't get anything out of it myself?" *(this is what is behind his comment that the king took the proceeds of others labor.)* What doesn't this unfaithful servant realize? *(there is a big reward for faithfulness.)*
10. Jesus is coming back. He wants us to be faithful and fruitful while we wait for Him to return. We also need to realize that the mina is a metaphor. We have been entrusted with two priceless treasures and we are called to use them. The first treasure we are to steward is the gospel. What is the gospel and how do we use it?
11. Here is a review of the gospel if needed. The gospel is the true story of life as we know it. It has 4 movements:
- Movement #1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and it was good.
 - Movement #2 – Mankind rebelled against God, we wanted to be our own gods, to decide what is right and wrong for ourselves. We plunged the world into sin, and tragically the wages of sin is death. All pain, sorrow, evil and suffering are the fruit of our sin. Worst of all, sin separated us from God.
 - Movement #3 – But God still loved us! So He sent his one and only son to rescue us. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin on the cross. His death, purchases back our lives. But the grave couldn't hold Him. Because he himself never sinned, God raised Jesus back to life.
 - Movement #4 – He is coming back to judge the living and the dead. And then He will lead his sheep into eternal life with the Father.

12. The second thing that we are to use for the kingdom is our gifts and talents. How do we use the unique gifts that God has given us to grow His kingdom?
13. What if we take all the gifts God has given us and use them solely for our own profit, and not for His glory?
14. At the end of your life, He is going to ask you to give an account for how you handled the gospel and your gifts and talents. In this current season in your life, what are you prioritizing and what should you be prioritizing?

PRAYER

Ask if anyone has any prayer requests and then pray for those needs (ask others to help praying). You close it out in prayer in the end.

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