

Quiet Walk

Discussion Guide for Small Group Meetings March 1 - March 7

(Based on Daily Readings for February 23 - March 1)

Icebreaker Question: "If you had to pick a 'life motto' to put on a billboard, what would it say?" (This reflects the passage's theme of choosing life and following God's ways.)

Weekly Review (Deuteronomy 26 - 32, Matthew 1)

Deuteronomy 26-32 records Moses' final instructions to Israel before they enter the Promised Land. He emphasizes tithes, obedience, and covenant renewal (26-28), warning of blessings for faithfulness, and curses for disobedience. In chapters 29-30, he urges them to choose life by loving and obeying God. Moses commissions Joshua as his successor (31) and teaches Israel a prophetic song (32) about God's faithfulness and their future rebellion, urging them to remain devoted to the Lord.

In your week's readings, what did you learn about God? What's one Bible passage or reflection thought that stood out to you?

Read Deuteronomy 30

1. In Deuteronomy 30:2, Moses calls the people to "return to the Lord your God" with all their heart and soul. What does true repentance look like in daily life, and how can we cultivate a heart that continually turns back to God?
2. Deuteronomy 30:6 speaks of God circumcising the hearts of His people so they may love Him fully. What does it mean to have a "circumcised heart," and how does God transform our hearts to love Him more deeply?
3. In verse 9, Moses describes how God will "again take delight in prospering you" when His people obey Him. How do you see the connection between obedience and God's blessings, and how do we avoid seeing obedience as merely a way to earn His favor?
4. Deuteronomy 30:11-14 reminds us that God's commands are not too difficult or out of reach but are "very near" to us. How does this truth encourage you when facing spiritual challenges, and how can we rely on God's Word in practical ways?
5. In verse 15, God presents a choice between "life and good, death and evil." What are some real-life choices where we must decide between God's way and our own way? How can we recognize when we are at these crossroads?

6. Deuteronomy 30:19 challenges us to "choose life" by loving, obeying, and holding fast to God. What does "choosing life" look like in everyday decisions, and what are some obstacles that make this choice difficult?
7. The chapter ends with a promise in verse 20 that holding fast to God means life and length of days. How have you experienced spiritual renewal or strength by clinging to God, and how can we encourage one another to remain faithful?

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Discussion Guide for Small Group Meetings March 8 - March 14

(Based on Daily Readings for March 2 - March 8)

Icebreaker Question: John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus—who in your life has helped “prepare the way” for your faith journey?

Weekly Review (Luke 1 - Luke 4)

Luke 1–4 records the miraculous beginnings of Jesus' life and ministry. Chapters 1–2 detail angelic announcements of John the Baptist and Jesus' births, Mary's song of praise, and Jesus' birth, childhood, and dedication. Chapter 3 introduces John's preaching and Jesus' baptism, followed by His genealogy. In chapter 4, Jesus overcomes Satan's temptations in the wilderness and begins His ministry in Galilee, declaring His mission to preach good news, fulfill prophecy, and bring salvation to all people.

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Read Luke 3

1. In Luke 3:3, John the Baptist preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." What is the relationship between repentance and forgiveness, and how do we live a lifestyle of true repentance today?
2. Luke 3:8 challenges the people to "bear fruits in keeping with repentance." What are some specific "fruits" that demonstrate a heart changed by God? How can we ensure our repentance is genuine and not just words?
3. When the crowds ask John, "What then shall we do?" in Luke 3:10-11, he responds with practical ways to care for others. How does generosity reflect true faith, and what are some ways we can live this out in our communities?
4. In Luke 3:12-14, John gives specific instructions to tax collectors and soldiers about integrity in their work. How does our faith impact the way we handle work, money, power, and influence in our daily lives?
5. Luke 3:16 contrasts John's baptism with the baptism Jesus would bring "with the Holy Spirit and fire." What do you think this means, and how have you experienced the transformative power of the Holy Spirit?

6. When Jesus is baptized in Luke 3:21-22, the heavens open, and God declares, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." How does understanding our identity as God's beloved children impact the way we live and approach challenges?
7. Luke 3 ends with Jesus' genealogy, tracing His lineage back to Adam (Luke 3:23-38). Why do you think it was important to connect Jesus to both David and Adam, and how does this genealogy deepen our understanding of His mission?

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Discussion Guide for Small Group Meetings March 15 - March 21

(Based on Daily Readings for March 9 - March 15)

Icebreaker Question: In Matthew 5, Jesus called His followers the light of the world. If you had a personal motto or slogan that represented you, what would it be?

Weekly Review (Mark 2-4, Matthew 5-7, Luke 7)

Matthew 5-7 records Jesus' most famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount. He begins with the Beatitudes, describing the attitudes of the blessed. Jesus calls His followers to be salt and light, to love their enemies, and to live righteously from the heart. He warns against hypocrisy, teaches trust in God, and provides the Lord's Prayer. He concludes with a call to true faith—urging people to build their lives on God's wisdom rather than shifting sands.

In your week's readings, what did you learn about God? What's one Bible passage or reflection thought that stood out to you?

Read Matthew 7

1. Jesus warns against hypocrisy in judging others (Matthew 7:1-5). How do you ensure that you're addressing your own spiritual blind spots before pointing out others' mistakes?
2. Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and knock (Matthew 7:7-11). How have you seen persistence in prayer change your life or someone else's?
3. Imagine explaining the narrow gate vs. the wide gate (Matthew 7:13-14) to a teenager today. How would you describe the difference in choices?
4. False prophets are known by their fruit (Matthew 7:15-20). In today's world, how can we wisely discern between genuine and misleading spiritual leaders?
5. Jesus says that not everyone who calls Him "Lord" will enter the kingdom (Matthew 7:21-23). How do we move beyond religious activity to a true relationship with Christ?
6. The wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24-27) faced the same storm, but only one stood firm. What specific steps can you take to ensure your faith is built on rock, not sand?

7. If you could take one key lesson from Matthew 7 to apply to your daily life, what would it be and why?

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Discussion Guide for Small Group Meetings March 22 - March 28

(Based on Daily Readings for March 16 - March 22)

Icebreaker Question: If you could have a personal chef feeding the 4,000, what meal would you ask for?

Weekly Review (Matthew 13, Mark 5-9, Luke 10)

In Mark 5-9, Jesus reveals His divine power through miracles, including casting out demons, healing the sick, feeding thousands, and even walking on water. Despite witnessing these wonders, the disciples struggle to grasp who He truly is. In Mark 8, Jesus rebukes their spiritual blindness, warns against false teachings, and asks the pivotal question: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ, yet still misunderstands His mission of suffering and sacrifice.

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Read Mark 8

1. In Mark 8:17-18, Jesus challenges the disciples for their lack of understanding. In what ways do we sometimes “see” but not truly perceive God's work in our lives?
2. After Jesus fed 5,000 (Mark 6) and 4,000 (Mark 8), the disciples still worried about bread (Mark 8:14-16). Why do we often forget past provisions when facing new challenges?
3. Jesus warns against the “leaven” of the Pharisees and Herod (Mark 8:15). What modern influences act like “yeast,” subtly shaping our thinking away from God's truth?
4. Jesus healed the blind man in two stages (Mark 8:22-26). Why do you think He did this? How does it relate to our own spiritual growth and understanding?
5. In Mark 8:29, Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” How would you answer that question personally, and how has your understanding of Jesus changed over time?
6. Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves and take up their cross (Mark 8:34-35). What does that look like in our daily lives? Where do we struggle with self-denial?

7. In Mark 8:36-37, Jesus asks what it profits a person to gain the world but lose their soul. What are some modern-day examples of this, and how can we safeguard our hearts from making the same mistake?

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Discussion Guide for Small Group Meetings March 29 - April 4

(Based on Daily Readings for March 23 - March 29)

Icebreaker Question: In Mark 11, Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem. What is the most memorable parade or public celebration you've attended?

Weekly Review (Luke 15-17, Mark 10-13)

Luke 15-17 highlights Jesus' parables of lost things (sheep, coin, son), His teachings on faith, forgiveness, the coming kingdom, and His healing of ten lepers. He emphasizes repentance, humility, and preparedness for His return.

Mark 10-13 records Jesus' teachings on marriage, wealth, servanthood, and the greatest commandment. He enters Jerusalem triumphantly, clears the temple, and warns of the destruction of the temple, future tribulations, and His second coming.

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Read Mark 11

1. Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly on a donkey. How can we reflect His humility in our daily interactions, especially in leadership or influence? (Mark 11:1-10)
2. The crowd celebrated Jesus on Sunday but rejected Him later. When have you struggled to stay faithful to Jesus in different life circumstances?
3. Jesus cursed the fig tree for looking fruitful but bearing no fruit. In what areas of your faith might you appear strong but need real growth? (Mark 11:12-14, 20-25)
4. Jesus cleared the temple to restore true worship. What distractions or habits in your life might be hindering you from fully worshiping God? (Mark 11:15-18)
5. Jesus emphasized the power of faith-filled prayer. What is one bold prayer you need to start praying with real belief? (Mark 11:22-25)
6. Jesus linked forgiveness to effective prayer. Is there someone you need to forgive so your prayers won't be hindered? (Mark 11:25)
7. The religious leaders refused to recognize Jesus' authority. What areas of your life do you find hardest to surrender to His authority? (Mark 11:27-33)

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