

LifeGroup Study SheetSeptember 25th, 2022 – The Journey

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Why do you think most Christ-Followers don't expect twist and turns on their journey with Christ? Explain a time when you thought you were on a specific path God was calling you, and it didn't go the way you had planned.

Digging In

Question 1: Read Matthew 6:24 and Luke 9:23. Pastor Jeff asked the simple question, who are you following, "me or thee?" The verse in Matthew says we can literally only have "one master." Are you following the Divine Person, Jesus Christ? What are some ways you can evaluate if you are following Jesus or not? How does the verse in Luke give you a litmus test in whether that is true for you or not?

Question 2: Read Proverbs 14:12 and Matthew 7:14. In what areas of your life have you followed "a path" that you thought was a good path, but in hindsight you realized was a bad path for you to be on? What helped you realize that? How do these two passages help you evaluate the reality of "self-deception" in your own life? Are you following the Designated Path that Jesus lays out for Christ-followers?

Question 3: Read 2 Corinthians 4:18 and Matthew 6:33. In the current culture that we live in, whether with our families or at work, how is it possible to focus on the "unseen" things? What does that look like in our day-to-day life? **Read Matthew 6:25-33.** The broader context in this passage is not that material things don't matter – but that God will provide exactly what we need through faith. Therefore – don't be anxious about any of the "seen" things but be focused on Jesus' Kingdom. How do you focus on Jesus' Kingdom as it relates to your family? Your job? Your material needs? Are you following the Designated Purpose?

Question 4: Read Romans 8:28-30. This part of the book of Romans gives Christ-followers hope during suffering, (twist/turns). How do these verses remind you of God's path for your life even when God's plan is different than what you thought? How does v.29 remind you what the goal of following Jesus will be? How is Jesus conforming you more and more into His image this week?

Taking it Home

Reflect on and Read **Psalm 23**.

Allow God to speak to you and how you can trust Him on the path he'll put you.

Pray that God would remind you that your rest and strength come from Him.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?