

LifeGroup Study Sheet
Oct 16th, 2022 – The Journey

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing you 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

Pastor Brad opened up his sermon with an illustration about a bathroom renovation project. Underneath the subflooring was a small section of mold that would have been dangerous had they not found it. Have you ever had a situation where on the external look, things looked healthy – but internally there was something wrong? Explain that story from your own life.

Digging In

Question 1: Read John 6:66. At the end of hearing Jesus' teachings about following him, it says many of the disciples "no longer followed him." Verse 60 says that many of the things that Jesus was saying were "too hard to accept." Have you ever had a similar conclusion to things Jesus teaches? After examining the claims, what often times is the reason you find it difficult to accept?

Read some of the verses to help you think about Jesus' claims

Matthew 7:13 –

Luke 9:23 –

Luke 9:60 –

Luke 14:33

Question 2: Read John 6:61. The teachings that Jesus was offering were considered to be "offensive" to that culture, and are still "offensive" in our culture. The Greek word literally means "scandalous." Have you ever considered the teachings of Jesus scandalous? Why or why not? What about the teachings of Jesus would cause someone to be offended?

Read Ephesians 2:1-2 to discuss this further.

Question 3: Read John 6:64, 70-71. How concerning is it to you to know that Judas lived with Jesus for 3.5 years and "never believed?" Pastor Brad asked the question, "is it possible to follow Jesus for the wrong

reasons?” Have you ever examined that motivation in your own life before? What was Judas’ motivation for following Jesus at the end of his life?

Question 4: Read John 6:68-69. Peter’s words echo the marks of a true disciple, “Lord, to whom shall we go?” Why do you think Jesus gives us the glimpse of the disciples response? In what ways do you connect with this response? Read

Interact with this statement - “Have believed and have come to know” = act completed in the past but with ongoing results.”

Taking it Home

Reflect on **1 Peter 1:6-7**.

How is Jesus refining your faith this week to make you “more precious than pure gold?”

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?