

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Nov 6th, 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

Describe a moment in your life where you were challenged to go “outside your comfort zone.” What was the context and the story behind it. Looking back, was it a good thing you obeyed? Why or why not? How has that experience shaped the way you've thought about going “outside your comfort zone” today?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Matthew 10:16-19. The imagery in these verses is rich with spiritual implications about where Jesus is asking Christ-followers to go. This question comes down to this: **“Are you willing to go wherever Jesus leads you?”** The visual of sheep going into territories where wolves live are implying the inherent danger of the places Jesus is asking Christ-followers to go. Have you ever considered leaving a “safe” place to walk into a “dangerous” place for Jesus? How could that look in your current life? Why do you think Jesus asks us to be prepared to go to dark, difficult, dirty, diseased places?

Question 2: Read Matthew 10:17-23. These verses are hard for us to understand in our cultural context because persecution like this is not often where we live. But Jesus teaches that this will happen to Christ-followers if they remain faithful to the mission God has given them. Jesus says in verse 22, “You will be hated by all for my name’s sake.” Jesus is asking us, **“are you willing to do whatever it takes?”** Reflect on this question. What areas of your life would be “non-negotiable” as it relates to obeying Jesus? Your job? Your family? Your money?

Question 3: Read Matthew 10:24-33. Pastor Jeff asked the questions, “are you willing to obey whenever?” In the context of these verses, it's easy to obey Jesus when you aren't scared, or the situation isn't difficult. However, how do you follow Jesus when obedience seems like the worst out of all the other options? How does obeying Jesus in your week cost you something that otherwise you would not have to sacrifice if you didn't obey Him?

Question 4: Read 1 Peter 3:13-17.

Reflect on this passage. Ask God personally, “how can I honor Christ as Lord this week, even if it brings me trial or persecution for my faith?”

Ask the Spirit of God to give you an opportunity this week to “give a defense for the hope that is in you.”

Taking it Home

Reflect on and write down your thoughts to this passage – **Colossians 4:5-6.**

Walk in wisdom toward “outsider”

Making the best use of time

Gracious speech, seasoned with salt

Know how you ought to answer everyone

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?