

Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus and His Wisdom | March 13, 2022

Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

Read **Psalm 105:1-2** and **Psalm 145** out loud for your group.

After you finish reading, pause for a few brief moments of silence. After a couple seconds of centering, pray to open your time together. Ask God for help in guiding your time together, for people to listen well, for people to speak honestly, and for the Holy Spirit to use this gathered time to shape you and mold you into Jesus' likeness.

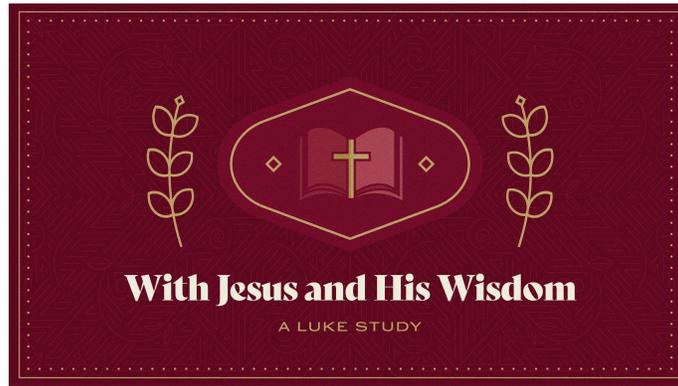
Read Luke 10:1-24, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (30 minutes).

- When was a time you lost something? What thoughts, feelings, and actions accompanied that experience? What does the desire to find something you once lost say about God's heart for people far from Him?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned 10 principles of evangelism from **Luke 10:1-24**. Which one challenged you the most? Which one resonated with you the most?
- What do you think would be on the "Top 10 Reasons" that Christians who want to share their faith today struggle to do so? Which of those reasons applies to you most?
- At one point in the message, Dan said that "Evangelism isn't just for experts and extroverts. It's for everyone." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- What do you think evangelism should look like in the 21st century? What should stay the same from Jesus' day? What should be different?
- Who is one person you are trying to share Jesus with? How are you being intentional about that relationship? How might you be able to share Jesus with that person in community with other believers?

Split into triads to pray for lost people (30 minutes).

In the sermon, Dan mentioned how we ought to "Talk to God about people before talking to people about God."

We're going to spend some time doing that this evening. Just like last week, it may be awkward. But that's okay! The goal here isn't to have all the right words or phrases or to sound eloquent, the goal here is to partner with God in prayer in ministering to the world!



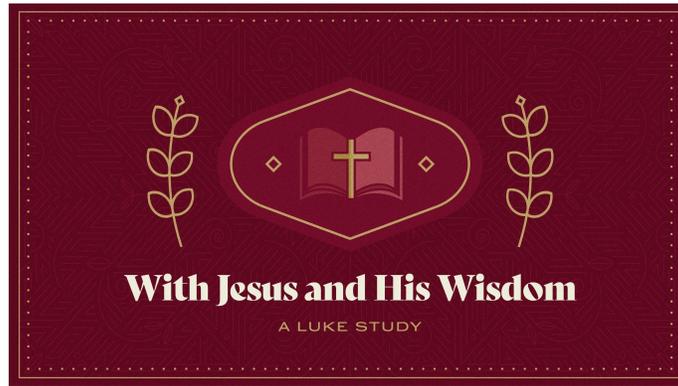
The goal of this section is to help you pray for a person in your life to come to know Christ.

The prayers listed are all based on Scripture, and designed to be a starting point, not a formula. Along with prayer, we hope you will see where God is moving in their life, and step out in love, faith, and obedience.¹

Before you pray each line, find the attached Scripture(s) in your Bibles, have someone read it aloud, and then pray for whomever it is you're trying to share the love of Jesus with.

1. I pray, Lord, that You draw _____ to Yourself. (**John 6:44**)
2. I pray that _____ seeks to know You. (**Acts 17:27**)
3. I pray that _____ hears and believes the Word of God. (**1 Thessalonians 2:13**)
4. I ask You to prevent Satan from blinding _____ to the truth. (**2 Corinthians 4:4; 2 Timothy 2:25-26**)
5. Holy Spirit, I ask You to convict _____ of his/her sin and reveal his/her need for Christ's redemption. (**John 16:8; 1 Thessalonians 1:5**)
6. I ask You to send someone who will share the Gospel with _____ (**Matthew 9:37-38**).
7. I also ask that You give me (and/or my fellow disciple) the opportunity, the courage, and the right words to share the truth with _____. (**Colossians 4:3-6; Ephesians 6:19-20**)
8. Lord, I pray that _____ turns from his/her sin. (**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10**)
9. Lord, I pray that _____ would put all of his/her trust in Christ. (**John 1:12; 5:24**)
10. Lord, I pray that _____ will confess Christ as Lord of his/her life, take root and grow in his/her faith, and bear much fruit for Your glory. (**Romans 10:9-10; Colossians 2:6-7; Luke 8:1**)

¹ These Scriptural prayers are taken from Church of the City's CORE group guide, found here: https://www.dropbox.com/s/mli2t1layqvztcn/core_booklet_v06cl.pdf?dl=0



Once your time in prayer is finished, come back together as a large group to talk about it (10 minutes).

- How was praying like that for you? What did it feel like?
- Did you sense any invitations from God about how to love the person you'd like to share Jesus with?

Split into gendered accountability groups (20 minutes).

Throughout this series, we'll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate and hopefully safer space to share where they might struggle. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you split out from one another:

- What is a highpoint from this past week you'd like to share? What is a low point?
- Is there anything you need to confess that you'd like to share? Explain.
- Where has neglect of evangelism been evident in your life?
- How can you and with whom would you like to be more intentional about sharing your faith?
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Finish by praying over and for one another.

Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes)

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.