

## Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus and His Wisdom | March 20, 2022

**Begin with prayer (5 minutes).**

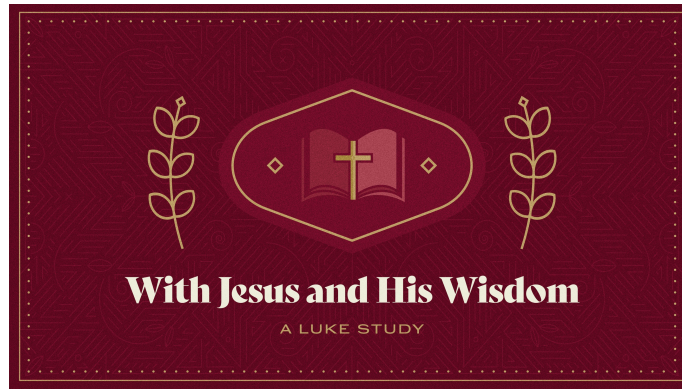
Read **Psalm 103** out loud for your group.

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 to help guide 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 Scripture, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (45 minutes).**

- What resonated with you or challenged you from this message?
- In his sermon, Dan talked about love. Before diving into the Scriptures, take a moment to assess what your definition of love is. How would you define it?
- Where do you think your definition of love comes from?
- In this message, Dan used **Luke 7** to talk about how Jesus views love. **Read Luke 7:36-50**. In what specific ways does the Pharisee showcase a lack of love in this passage? In what specific ways does the woman showcase an abundance of love? In what specific ways does Jesus showcase love in this story?
- Now reflect on your personal definition of love. How does it compare or contrast with some of the specifics you learned about love from the passage above?
- From this text, Dan drew out a few specific points about love: (1) Real love seeks to please the one, not the many; (2) Real love gives lavishly without hesitation; and (3) Real love flows from deep gratitude. Which of these three points about real love do you feel like is present in your relationship with God? Which ones do you feel like are missing in your relationship with God? *Be sure to give a bit of insight into why you answer the way do on both of those questions.*
- The Bible has a lot to say about loving God and loving others. Go around as a group and read the following passages. When finished, discuss how each of these passages further develops what a true biblical theology of love should be. **Read John 15:9-10; Romans 8:35-39; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:8, 16, 18.**

**BONUS:** *As a group, try memorizing one or more of these passages this week!*



- After you finish going through those verses, consider choosing one practical take-away from this sermon you'd like to ingrain deeper into your own life. Share your take-away with the group.

### **Split out into gendered accountability groups (30 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 was a highpoint from this past week you'd like to share? What was a low point?
- Is there anything you need to confess that you'd like to share? Explain.
- How have you loved God this week? In what ways did you fail to love God?
- How have you loved your spouse or significant other this week? In what ways did you fail to do so?
- How have you loved your co-workers this week? How did you fail to do so?
- How did you love your family and kids this past week? How did you fail to do so?
- What one practical, action-oriented step in loving your co-workers, your family, your friends, etc. do you want to do this week and be held accountable for next week?
- 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.