



## Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus One On One | January 9, 2022

### Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

As you begin, pray to open your time together.

### Split into three or four mini-groups for Scripture and reflection (35 minutes)

In this sermon, Dan spoke of Jesus' one-on-one interaction with Peter from Luke 9. For the next few moments, take some time to read and reflect together on Jesus' words, Peter's response, and what these verses might mean for you.

- **Read Luke 9:18-20.** What does it mean when Peter confesses Jesus to be the Messiah? If Jesus asked you who he was to you, how would you respond in this season? Explain.
- **Re-read Luke 9:23-26.** When you think about following Jesus, do you think about his call for his followers to deny themselves and take up their cross and follow him? Why or why not? Why is it important to follow Jesus' words here?
- **Re-read Luke 9:28-35.** In this passage, God instructs Peter, John, and James to listen to Jesus. Who are the voices you find yourself listening to these days? Is it Jesus? Or perhaps someone else? Why?

After your allotted mini-group time is finished, have everyone circle back up in one big group to share their insights.

### Go over the sermon, sharing your thoughts and insights (30 minutes).

- How did your mini-group discussions go? What sorts of things rose to the surface from those conversations?
- How did this sermon about Jesus from **Luke 9** challenge you? What resonated with you?
- How long have you been following Jesus? What does following him look like in your life? While following him, have you made him the King or Messiah of your life? In what ways? What areas have you not surrendered over to him?
- In this sermon, Dan challenged us to be a church that denies ourselves and takes up our crosses. In what practical ways can you do this for your spouse, roommates, friends, children, or others in your life?
- The final exhortation Dan gave us as a church was to "Trust Jesus in every area of our lives." Would you say you trust Jesus? Why or why not? In what ways do you feel like He has let you down? In what instances has he come through for you?



- How might your expectations of him be affecting your trust level? What would it look like to have accurate and appropriate expectations of Jesus?
- If someone were to ask you, “Why should I trust Jesus and listen to what he says?” how would you answer that question?
- What is one practical way you feel challenged to grow in obedience or in your relationship with God from this text?

**Split into gendered accountability groups (15 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:

- How is your relationship with God lately?
- How is it with your soul?
- Is there anything from this message that made you uneasy or made you feel like you have fallen short of what God wants for you and your life? Explain.
- What has your time in Scripture and prayer been like recently?
- Who are you trying to bring to Lord? Who can this group be praying for?
- 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.