

Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus and His Wisdom | February 27, 2022

Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

As you begin, 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' image.

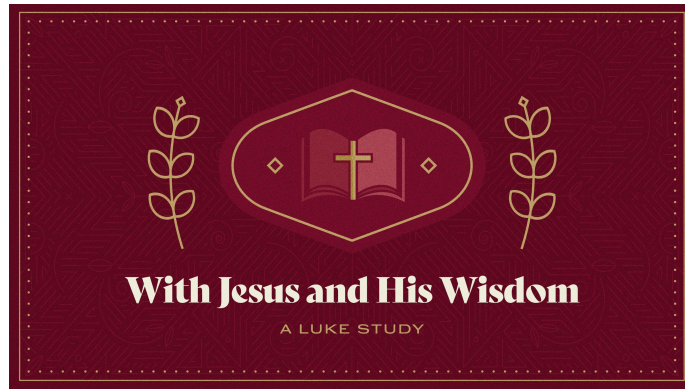
Go over the sermon, sharing your thoughts and insights (45 minutes).

- How did this sermon about **discipleship** from **Luke** challenge you? What resonated with you?
- In his sermon, Tom mentioned said, "We all follow after someone or something in our lives, and who or what we follow matters." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- If someone were to look at your life and report back on who or what you follow, what do you think they would say? How do you feel about your answer?
- Tom mentioned a term to describe people who follow Jesus is "disciple." **Read Luke 5:1-11**. What does this passage teach you about the call to be Jesus' disciple? What do you think it practically looks like to be Jesus' disciple today?
- **Read Luke 14:25-33**. How do these passages about discipleship to Jesus inform your answers to the previous question?
- In the message, Tom talked about how the cost of discipleship is great, but that the cost of non-discipleship is greater. He explained how everything we follow in life will cost us something. Think back to the second question above. What is the thing or person that you follow costing you (think time, energy, money, intimacy, etc.)? In your estimation, is the cost worth it? Explain.
- What is one practical way you feel challenged to grow in your discipleship to Jesus from this sermon?

Split 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 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.
- Who are you trying to disciple these days?
- 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.