

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Luke is an 'orderly account' of the life of Jesus, and the way of life Jesus invites us into. As we SEE Him, so we see the implication of those words "come follow me." We will kick off 2024 from chapter 3 and work our way through this gospel account.



## WHEN YOU MEET:

This discussion relates to the teaching from Sunday 1 September

**SERMON:** [grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/](https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/)

**TESTIMONY TIME:** Have one person in the group share what they've been learning about Jesus.

**PRAY:** Share praise points and pain points, and think about who else around us might need prayer (e.g. Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, Myanmar)

**READ:** Luke 9:18-27

**DISCUSS:** *NOTE: the sermon-specific questions are on the next page...*

1. What especially challenges or inspires you in this passage and why?
2. What does this passage reveal about being God's people in Australia today?
3. What does this passage say about finding and sustaining unity as God's people?
4. What does this passage reveal about identity or purpose as God's people?
5. How does this passage lead you to a greater reliance on the Holy Spirit?

**PRAY:** Take 10 minutes to work through Examen together. You may want to allow a few moments afterwards for people to share what happened. Find more information and audio files on the website:

<https://grlc.org.au/2020/10/08/daily-examen/>

## MORE RESOURCES:

- Discipleship Resources Hub: [grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/](https://grlc.org.au/discipleship-resources/)
- Latest sermon: <https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/>



## SERMON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

- (1) *"The crowd was more attracted to Jesus than Jesus was to the crowd."* Is this a fair assessment of Jesus' ministry strategy? What do you notice in today's passage and passages like John 6:60-67, Luke 14:25-35.
- (2) A 'crowds-eye-view of Jesus' is relating to Jesus from a distance, much like we would relate to a celebrity today. Discuss what a 'crowds-eye-view of Jesus' may look like then and now. Why are we tempted to dwell in the crowd rather than come closer?
- (3) Re-read verses 22-23. The disciples relay popular opinions about who Jesus is. Then Jesus responds, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?" Why do you think clarity around who we understand Jesus to be matters?
- (4) The disciples' understanding of Jesus is unfolding over time; how has your understanding of Jesus changed over time?
- (5) What are the implications of NOT having clarity on who Jesus really is? (i.e. does it matter if Jesus is more the Jesus we want than the Jesus He is?)
- (6) We want to count the benefits of Jesus, but Jesus wants us to count the cost. Re-read verses 23-25. What are the implications of having clarity on who Jesus really is? (i.e. discuss the 'no fine print' detail Jesus gives for those who will follow)
- (7) Discuss as a group, how you really feel about Jesus' clear description of what life looks like as a disciple.
- (8) Finally, discuss what you think this looks like in personal and practical terms at this stage of your life.

