

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 24 November

SERMON: 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 11:37-54

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/
- Latest sermon: <https://grlc.org.au/grlc-hub/>



SERMON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

Read through the passage a few times: Luke 11:37-54

1. In this passage Jesus calls out what He has been observing, perhaps His whole life, in Israel's leaders. List all the behaviours Jesus is critiquing and ask, "what is the underlying attitude or belief?"
2. Integrity is something we all expect but don't always experience. It may seem like an obvious answer, but discuss all the reasons why you think integrity, especially as followers of Jesus, matters. How do we respond to inconsistencies in our own lives or others?
3. Read verse 42 again. If there was any place in the Gospels to denounce or loosen the stipulations of the tithe, it would be right here - but Jesus does not. What point is Jesus trying to make in this verse?
4. Discuss what you think it looks like to "neglect justice and the love of God." What happens to followers of Jesus when they neglect God's love?
5. What is the relationship between love and duty in the Christian life? Is it an either/or, or a both/and? What are the pitfalls of both?