



LIFE GROUP GUIDE

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May 8, 11 2025

Pursue: Mark 8:34, Luke 9

Connect (15-20 mins)

1. As we approach the end of May, we ask groups to take a different rhythm of meeting during June, July, and August. Spend some time as a group planning what your summer will look like as a group. Are there books you've wanted to read? Activities to participate in? Maybe even plan an overnight retreat or trip together. Spend some time dreaming and planning about the next few months until we begin the regular meeting together in September. We are planning a Fall Kick off event Friday 9/12 for leaders, hoping for groups to launch the 2nd or 3rd week of September.

*If time allows, process the [video from Brad](#) about needing leaders for the Fall, are any members willing to step out and lead? If so, send us their names!

Grow (10-15 mins)

2. Last week we discussed the practice of taking up your cross, *daily*. What were some of the mundane/daily ways you died to self this past week?

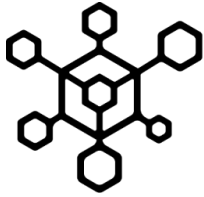
Share (15-30 mins)

3. Read Mark 8:34 and Luke 9:57-62. Have someone recap the sermon in 1-2 minutes. What was most meaningful or significant from last week's sermon?
4. Share about a time when you've had to trust Jesus when it didn't make sense according to cultural expectations or earthly understanding? What was that process like for you?
5. Following Jesus is never convenient. What are the areas in your life currently that you have explained away the call of obedience to follow Jesus for a later time?

"I will follow Jesus wholeheartedly once I . . ."

Practice: Embracing the Gospel Overtime (30-45 mins)

6. It was said, "There should be no human relationship, human agenda, or human responsibility greater than our relationship with Jesus Christ." As you consider where your time, actions, and thoughts are spent, which of these 3 areas have you wrestled with the most in regards to importance in your life? Spend some time in group considering these areas and write out what has been important to you below.



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Human relationships of importance:

Human agendas:

Human responsibilities:

7. How have you seen that affect your relationship with Jesus as priority? In what ways can you walk in the light, with confession and accountability, in these areas? Share with your group.