

Life of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Jesus

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 1 | A Call to Discipleship

Week of September 13, 2020



NEW LIFE
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Life Group Schedule

PREP

Review the weekend service online. Read through each Scripture reference prayerfully. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you any correction you need to make around this week's topic. Be willing to be open, humble, and honest with your group about what He is showing you.

10 MIN

Log In, chat, check on everybody! Remember, be a facilitator of conversation, not a preacher! Talk little, listen more, and have fun! Keep in mind we do this for community and for each of us to grow closer in our relationships with God.

15 MIN

ICE BREAKER: Several ice breaker game suggestions can be located at [BIT.LY/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS](https://bit.ly/NLCLIFEGROUP_ICEBREAKERS). Take your pick, and enjoy the game together!

TRANSITION: SPEND SOME TIME IN WORSHIP & PRAYER

30-45 MIN | A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

MATTHEW 22:37

Q1. Why are you looking forward to "The Life of Christ"? What questions do you have about the study?

TEXT JESUS TO (501) 200-3122 TO GET THE DAILY DEVOTIONALS

YOU CAN ALSO GO TO newlifechurch.tv/loc

Q2. How are you doing with loving the Lord with all of your heart, and with all of your soul and with all of your mind? (Heart, Soul and Mind)

- We can start "slipping" as we get older, but the Lord wants all of our heart focused on Him, not just some of it. He wants us to be fanatics (fans of his).

Q3. Where in your life do you need to surrender more to the Lord? What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more? What is getting so much attention that it is hard to let go of?

- Anytime the Lord calls us, there will be something we have to leave behind.
- Some of us are in the same spot where Jesus called us - our progression is not moving forward. We keep falling out of our relationship with Him.

Q4. What is a disciple? What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

- Jesus is not looking for the best, he is looking for the willing.
- “Disciple” means you are learning; you are someone hungry to grow.
- “Apostle” means you are sent.
- Jesus is still looking around and saying come and follow me.

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

1. To be Dangerous and Not Safe

Q5. What is your cross that you need to take up daily to follow Jesus?

- Not your crown, but your cross; there is responsibility in this.
 - › The disciples left everything they had to follow Jesus.
 - › The rich young ruler missed an opportunity - there’s no telling what he could have done.

Q6. Have you had any important calls on your life? Explain. Has the Holy Spirit ever called you to change? When and what did that look like?

- When the Holy Spirit convicts you, it’s not to condemn you or discourage you.
 - › The greatest thing that can happen in your life as a disciple is when he calls you to change.

JOHN 14:15

- We have a call to discipleship to protect our whole family.
- There is not a call more important than the call to follow Jesus!

Q7. What is a dangerous prayer? What are you praying for?

- When you get the call from the Lord, you want to know what’s next and it is not in this safe little place where we live.

LUKE 6:46

- Discipleship is not just someone who hears, but someone who does.

2. To be Intentional, Not Accidental

Q8. Describe a time when have you been intentional with the Lord? Are you as close to the Lord as you want to be?

- Be all in! Jump in! When you let go, you will be protected.

LUKE 14:28-33

- You have to count the “real” cost. Look at this accurately.
- You are as close to the Lord as you want to be!

3. To be Spiritual Not Natural

Q9. What does it mean to be teachable? Would your friends and family say you are teachable?

- There will be times when it doesn’t make logical sense what God is trying to show you.
- You are spiritual, not just logical. This is a supernatural walk - it is wise to follow after the Lord.

Q10. How do we keep from being deceived?

MATT 16:23

- A disciple is always trying to remember what Jesus was saying
- **1 TIM 4:1** (This is going to be an easy season to be deceived)
- He is calling us to be apostles—people who not just hear, but do, and people he trusts to send.

Q11. Do you want the Lord to be the center of your life? If yes, then what is your next step to make that happen? If you died today, would you be ready to meet him? Explain.

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS

CONFIRM OR SCHEDULE YOUR NEXT MEETING, WHETHER LIVE OR VIRTUAL

Leaders: Please share your email address and cell numbers. Be available!

- For more ideas, check out [VIRTUAL LIFE GROUP PLAN](#).
- As Life Group leaders—the hands, feet and voice of Jesus—remember “CPR”:
 - › C – Check-In and Care for People at least weekly
 - › P – Pray with and for them often
 - › R – Remember Scripture. God’s Word is powerful!
- Group Participation Guideline Reminders:
 - › Do not share anything that will embarrass anyone, including your spouse.
 - › If called on you may pass on any questions you do not want to answer.
 - › Allow time for everyone to share; do not dominate the conversation.
 - › What is said in the group stays in the group. Use common sense and know when something shared is personal and should remain confidential.

For Daily Prayer: The following linked resources can help strengthen our prayer lives

- Foundations, Session 4: [“WHAT IS PRAYER?”](#)
- [THE LORD’S PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE PRAYER OF JABEZ PRAYER PATTERN](#)
- [THE TRINITY PRAYER PATTERN](#)