

Jesus, part 12

Small Groups Study Jesus' life/teaching

Checklist:

- Small Group Study handout for each group (see below)
- Optional: Copies of the Optional Handout (see below for details)

Opening

Say: We've been looking at things from Jesus' life and some things He taught. Today, you guys are going to spend some time to study some more things from Jesus' life or teaching in small groups...

Small Groups Study

Break teens into pairs or groups of three. Assign each pair or group one of the passages below. Depending on the size of the class, not all of the passages need to be assigned. Or, each passage can be assigned to more than one group.

Give 15 minutes for the pairs/groups to study their passage and answer the questions on the whiteboard to see what they learn about Jesus or from Jesus and how that can apply to them. Encourage them to make notes and look at study Bible notes (and perhaps online helps, like from blueletterbible.org).

Small Groups Share

Have each pair or group read their passage and present their answers to the class. Discuss any questions they have and gently correct any misunderstandings...

The Handout Passages:

1. Luke 2:21-32 (Presented in the Temple / Simeon)
2. Luke 4:38-44 (Healing, came to preach)
3. Luke 5:1-11 (Miracle, calling some disciples)
4. Luke 5:27-32 (Calling Levi, came for sinners)
5. Luke 14:25-35 (Cost of discipleship)

(For #5, it may be helpful to ask how possible it is to meet the requirements Jesus gives on our own and how much we need God's grace to forgive us and help to transform us.)

The Handout Questions:

1. What do you see?
(Anything stand out? Any repeated words or ideas? What does this seem to be about?)
2. What are questions you have about these verses?
(Any words you don't understand? Any ideas you have questions about? Try to answer with other things you know from the Bible, Study Bible notes, blueletterbible.org tools, etc.)
3. How would you summarise the message or what happened?
4. How does it apply or relate to you today?

Closing

Ask:

- *Maybe ask:* How are the four questions you answered similar to the stuff we looked at with our "How to Study the Bible" series - for those that were part of that?
- How could these questions be helpful for your own personal Bible study?

Say:

- A big point of Bible study is to try to know what the passage meant then and how it applies or relates to us today.
- A great way to learn more about Jesus is to read and study Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Optional Handout

Perhaps give a handout of Jesus' life from Rose Books, vol 1 p135 or from vol 3 p 140-141 and mention that it is a basic outline of some key events in Jesus' life.

Closing Prayer

