

White Rock Community Church

April 18, 2021 Journey Group Sermon Bible Study Guide

Discipleship in our Journey Group is more than learning Bible knowledge; it is thoughtfully applying Bible truths to our lives, and becoming equipped to introduce others to a personal, saving relationship with Jesus. In our group we read, discuss and apply Bible passages to our lives, care for each other, pray together and encourage each other in our spiritual growth, demonstrating patience, respect, love and humility as we encourage each other to serve God and others. Each of us needs to ensure that this is a place of safety and confidentiality.

Questions for the beginning of our Journey Group:

- What are you thankful for today?
- What difficulties or challenges have you had this past week?
 - Is there someone or something you are concerned about?
- Is there a way our group members could help you or the person/situation you are concerned about?
- How did it go as you worked to apply the Bible study and discussion that we had last week to your life?
 - *How have you been doing counting on your faith in God, remembering that the things impossible with people are possible with God (Luke 18:27)?*
- Who did you share your faith with last week or talk with about our Bible study and discussion?

Prayer: ACTS

- **Adore** the Triune God, praise God for his goodness and strength;
- **Confess** our sins, our needs, our challenges in maturing spiritually, in sharing our faith with others, in using our spiritual gifts to minister to others, in truly loving others as God loves them;
- express our **Thanksgiving** for God’s goodness and guidance;
- pray in **Supplication** for needs, for people to connect with God in a personal, saving relationship, and for each of us to deepen our relationship with God and allow the Holy Spirit to work through our lives.

Bible Passages – Luke 18:31-43

Journey Group Bible Reflections and Discussion

- Work together as a group to read or retell the passages in our own words.
- What do these verses teach us about God and others? What is God saying to me through the passage?

Inductive Bible Study: Observations, Interpretations, Application

1. Luke 18:31-33 Two prophecies about Jesus’ death for our sins – centuries apart!

Luke 18:31-33	Isaiah 53:3-6
<i>Talk about your appreciation for what Jesus did to provide salvation for you. Jesus takes on our sin and forgives us.</i>	

2. Luke 18:35-43

<i>Important points from the passage:</i> -The blind man called out to Jesus. -He recognized that he needed Jesus. -He knew he didn’t need to bring anything to Jesus, just his need for healing.	Take a need from your life and follow the steps of the blind man in having faith to make the big ask to Jesus. V 41 Jesus asks: “What do you want me to do for you?” Describe your experience in following these steps.
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-He had faith that Jesus would heal him.
 -He made the big ask: "I want to see".
 -His sight was healed and he followed Jesus.
 -He followed Jesus and praised God. Others joined in praising God too.

Reflection: v 42 Jesus said: "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." What does this mean for your life?

Share how you are letting God give you more faith.

Symbolically, is there something blinding you? What will you ask God to help you with?

Some blinders Christians have: self-righteousness (I'm good on my own; look what I can offer God.), desire for comfort above service, fear of where God might call me, fear of failure, prejudice, and more.

Reflection/Examen: What is blinding me from giving my all? What do I need to leave behind?

God wants me to step out and follow him. What steps will I take?

3. Rule of life for growing in God and being always ready to share God's love through our words and actions.

Spiritual disciplines= rule of life for spiritual growth that shapes us to follow God, share our faith, and serve.

Connect with God every day and listen as he shows you the paths to follow to build your faith and connection to God: Bible study, prayer, meditation, silence before God, being with other believers who urge us toward spiritual growth (small groups, and more).

Listen to the Holy Spirit as you seek healthy wholeness in your life - *spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, relational wholeness and health* – which will provide direction in how to serve God with your spiritual gifts, your words and actions, and how to spill over with God's generous love to draw others to Jesus.

Create space in our lives to be with people: show love and patience everywhere we go.

Listen to people's needs and care for them. **Remember** our everyday life is for discipling others.

Nurture relationships to show and share God's generous love, and to serve others.

Core Truth Verse - What is the Core Truth verse from these passages?

What does God want me to do because of what I have learned today?

I will _____ **Who will I share these spiritual truths with this week?** _____

Song: Open our eyes, Lord

Open our eyes Lord
 We want to see Jesus
 To reach out and touch Him
 And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord
 And Help us to listen
 Open our eyes Lord
 We want to see Jesus

Benediction: *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Ephesians 1:18-19*