

How to use this Curriculum

Around the Table – Fall Series 2025

Step One: Pray

As you read over the Scripture and the questions for the week, ask God to highlight the things your group needs.

Step Two: Discern

In the Opening Questions, there are four different questions to choose from – some are related to the content, and others are more random. You may only need *one or two* of these questions to get the group going.

In each of the UP, IN, and OUT sections there are six questions. Read them ahead of time and discern which ones would lead to the best discussion for your group.

Step Three: Make a plan

Once you've prayed and discerned which questions would be best for your group, mark up the curriculum sheet! Highlight the chosen questions, make notes in the margin, and have a plan on paper for how your life group is going to go – start to finish!

Step Four: Assess and Celebrate

Once life group is done, it's good to pause and assess how the group went...making sure to celebrate what God did through the discussion. Doing this practice of assessing and celebrating helps in any follow up you might have from the group.

For example: If someone opened up in vulnerability for the first time, that's great! You might want to send a note or a text encouraging them and acknowledging their progress in the group setting.

Week One – Luke 5:27-32

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*choose 1-2*):

- Have you ever had to leave something behind to follow a calling or a new path? If so, what was it?
- What's a time you've felt judged by others for your choices or who you associate with?
- Do you have a favorite Bible story that involves Jesus eating a meal with someone? If so, what is it?
- What's a lesson you've learned from a person you might not have expected to learn from?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

The "Up" component of OPCM Life Groups focuses on a vertical relationship with God and growing in that relationship as a group. The goal is to know Jesus as revealed in Scripture. The following questions are designed to help a group study Luke 5:27-32 with the aim of deepening their knowledge of Jesus.

- What's something that stood out to you in this passage?
- In this passage, Jesus calls Levi to follow Him. What do you think that call meant for Levi's life at that moment?
- How would you describe the difference between how Jesus and the Pharisees saw the people in this passage?
- How does Jesus's statement, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance," shape your understanding of who Jesus is?
- Thinking about the phrase "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance," what does it reveal about Jesus's mission and His heart for people?
- As you reflect on your own journey, where do you see a need for Jesus to call you to repentance?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

The "In" component of OPCM Life Groups emphasizes intentional friendships and doing life together. This is based on the idea that God created us as communal beings. These questions are meant to facilitate open conversation and foster authentic relationships within the group by discussing the passage together.

- If you had to switch careers to follow Jesus, what would be the hardest part of that change?
- Have you ever felt misunderstood by religious people, similar to how the Pharisees seem to misunderstand Jesus in this story?
- Levi throws a "great feast" for Jesus. How have you experienced Christian community in a way that feels like a celebration?
- It's often easier to be around people who are just like us. When have you experienced friendship with someone different from you, and how did that challenge you?
- Who are the "tax collectors and sinners" in your life—people who might be on the fringes—and what's one thing you can do this week to connect with them?
- In what ways do you see God using your friendships to help you grow?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

The "Out" component of OPCM Life Groups is about living out one's faith and being a blessing to others. Groups are encouraged to look outward to their neighbors, friends, and co-workers because Jesus calls us to "make disciples of all nations". These questions aim to help the group apply what they've learned and consider how to live out their faith in the world.

- Who are the 'tax collectors and sinners' in your life, and what's one thing you can do this week to connect with them?
- What's a practical way you can show Jesus's love to someone in your neighborhood this week?
- When we think about Jesus's mission, how does this passage inspire you to live out your faith beyond the walls of the church?
- Who in your life, like Levi, might be waiting for an invitation to the table?
- In what specific ways can we, as a group, live out what we're learning at church to make a difference in our community?
- How can we collectively and individually be more like a doctor to the spiritually sick than a judge to the unrighteous?

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Week 2 – Luke 7:36-50

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is a time you've felt judged by others for something you did or said?
- Have you ever been a host or a guest at an event where you felt things didn't go as planned?
- What is a small act of kindness that has meant a lot to you?
- What's something you're grateful for right now?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section focuses on growing your personal relationship with God by understanding Jesus as revealed in the Bible. The goal is to get to know Jesus intimately as a group.

- In this story, the woman is described as a "sinner" and Simon the Pharisee as a "host". What do their different actions toward Jesus tell us about their understanding of who He is?
- Jesus says to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace". What do you think her faith looked like in this moment?
- Why do you think Jesus tells the parable of the two debtors in verses 41-43? What truth is He trying to communicate to Simon and to us?
- The woman's act of anointing Jesus's feet with expensive perfume was a huge risk. What does this bold act reveal about her love for Jesus?
- The "host" in the story, Simon, failed to offer basic hospitality. What's the difference between merely inviting Jesus into your life and truly honoring Him?
- How does this story challenge your view of who is worthy of receiving God's grace and forgiveness?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about building real relationships and fostering community, recognizing that God designed us for friendship. This is a space for the group to get to know each other authentically.

- Have you ever had a moment where you felt like an "uninvited guest" in a social setting?
- The woman's public display of devotion was seen as scandalous. When have you felt a tension between following Jesus and what others might think?

- Simon the Pharisee privately judged Jesus and the woman. Why is it so easy to judge others for their actions or past?
- Have you ever been on the receiving end of someone's forgiveness? How did it feel?
- Jesus says, "To whom little is forgiven, the same loves little". How can we, as a group, love each other in a way that reflects the forgiveness we've received?
- The woman in this story risked public judgment by coming to Jesus. What is a time you've had to be vulnerable with someone despite the risk of being misunderstood?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out your faith and making Jesus known to others. The goal is to avoid becoming an "us four and no more" group and to be a blessing to your community.

- The woman's actions were a public witness to her changed life. What is one small, practical way you can live out your faith publicly this week?
- Jesus did not shy away from a person with a bad reputation. Who in your life, even if they're difficult or have a reputation, might God be calling you to reach out to?
- In what ways can we, as a group, show grace and forgiveness to our neighbors, friends, or coworkers?
- This story reminds us of the transformative power of forgiveness. How can you share your own story of receiving God's forgiveness with someone else?
- The woman poured out a costly gift. What is a "costly" but practical way our group could serve our community this month?
- Who is one person you are currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus?

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Week 3 – Luke 9:10-17

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is one time you have felt completely overwhelmed or unprepared for a task?
- What is your favorite comfort food to eat when you're feeling hungry?
- Tell us about a time you had to be resourceful with very little.
- What is a small act of generosity you have either given or received?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing your vertical relationship with God as a group by getting to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- In this story, Jesus's response to the crowd's needs is compassion. What does His compassion reveal about His character?
- Before the miracle, the disciples tell Jesus to send the crowds away. How does Jesus's command to "You give them something to eat" challenge your personal reliance on Him?
- The disciples' initial solution was to send the people away. What does this tell us about their faith at that moment?
- The disciples present Jesus with only five loaves and two fish. What "five loaves and two fish" do you have that you feel is insignificant, but God might be able to use in a mighty way?
- The miracle of the loaves and fish is not just about food, but also about God's abundance. How can remembering God's abundance change how you approach challenges in your life?
- What is something you have been learning about God lately, and what has this revealed about you?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about building intentional friendships and doing life together. This is a key component of groups because God designed us for friendship and community.

- Have you ever been in a situation where you had to depend on others to meet a need? How did it feel to be in that position?
- The disciples had to work together to feed the crowd. What is a time you've had to collaborate with others to accomplish something big?

- What is something that is currently heavy on your heart that you would feel comfortable sharing with the group?
- How can our group be better at sharing our needs with one another so we can support each other, just as the disciples had to share their limited resources?
- In what area of your life do you need to experience the support of the group?
- The crowd was divided into groups of 50. How can we intentionally get to know each other on a deeper level in our group?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. This prevents groups from becoming "us four and no more". We are called to be a blessing to those around us.

- The disciples' obedience led to a miracle that fed thousands. What is a small step you can take toward obedience this week to make Jesus known to others?
- What does it look like to make the "rubber hit the road" with what we're learning about Jesus's compassion?
- Who is someone you are currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus?
- This story shows how Jesus met both the spiritual and physical needs of the crowd. How can we, as a group, meet a practical need in our community this month?
- In what ways can we "look out" to our neighbors, friends, or coworkers?
- Assuming you had the skills and the time, who is one person you would love to be able to share Jesus with?

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Week 4 – Luke 10:1-12

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is one time you have felt sent on a mission or a specific task?
- Have you ever had a roommate or a travel partner you didn't know very well beforehand? How did that work out?
- What's a time you had to rely on the kindness of strangers?
- If you could travel to any place in the world for a mission trip, where would you go?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing our vertical relationship with God as a group. The goal is to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- In verses 1-3, Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples. What does it reveal about Jesus's character that He equips and sends out His followers, rather than doing all the work Himself?
- The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2). What does this statement reveal about the urgency and scope of God's mission?
- Jesus warns the disciples that they are being sent "as lambs among wolves" (Luke 10:3). What does this imagery communicate about the nature of following Jesus?
- The disciples are instructed to "go and stay in one place". What does this command teach us about being present and committed to a particular community or place?
- The disciples are told to "preach... 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'". What does this mean to you personally, that the kingdom of God is "near"?
- The passage highlights the importance of obedience. What's a small step you can take toward obedience this week in your own faith journey?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section focuses on building intentional friendships and doing life together, because God designed us as communal beings. This is a space for the group to grow in friendship and authenticity.

- The disciples were sent out in pairs. What are the benefits of doing ministry or life with a partner?
- The disciples were to rely on the hospitality of others for food and shelter. What does this teach us about vulnerability and depending on one another in community?

- What is something that is currently heavy on your heart that you would feel comfortable sharing with the group?
- The disciples were instructed to 'go and stay in one place' and do life with people. What does it look like for our group to be more committed to 'doing life' together beyond our meeting time?
- The disciples were to eat what was set before them. What does this tell us about the importance of flexibility and not having strict expectations when connecting with others?
- Have you ever shared a meal with someone and felt like it deeply connected you? What was that experience like?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. The goal is to consistently "look out" to neighbors, friends, and co-workers.

- Jesus instructed the disciples to heal the sick and proclaim the kingdom of God. What are some practical ways we can both meet physical needs and share the Gospel with others in our community?
- How are you currently "living out what you're learning" at church and in this group?
- The disciples were to "look out" for a "person of peace" to stay with. Who might that "person of peace" be in your life—someone who is receptive to spiritual conversations?
- Who is someone you would love to be able to share Jesus with, assuming you had the skills and the time?
- This passage highlights the importance of peace. How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors, so you can bring peace to them?
- Who are you currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus?

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Week 5 – Luke 14:1-6

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions *(Choose 1-2)*

- What is one time you have felt like you were being scrutinized or watched closely by others?
- Have you ever had to choose between what is right and what is convenient?
- When you think of the word "healing," what comes to mind?
- What is a small act of kindness you've witnessed recently?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately *(Choose 2-3)*

This section is about growing your vertical relationship with God. The goal is to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- In Luke 14:1, the Pharisees are watching Jesus closely. What does this tell you about the tension and suspicion Jesus faced?
- Jesus asks the question in verse 3, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" Why do you think Jesus often used questions to teach?
- The Pharisees don't answer Jesus's question. What does their silence reveal about their hearts?
- Jesus heals the man and then asks another question: "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" What does this comparison reveal about Jesus's priorities?
- Jesus's actions in this story prioritize people over religious rules. How does this challenge your understanding of what it means to be holy?
- What is something you have been learning about God lately? What has this revealed about you?

IN: Being Known Authentically *(Choose 2-3)*

This section is about building intentional friendships and doing life together. God designed us as communal beings for friendship.

- Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like you had to defend someone who was being judged?
- The man with dropsy was in a vulnerable position. What does it look like to create a safe space in our group for people to be vulnerable about their struggles?
- Jesus created a safe space for a vulnerable person. How can we, as a group, create a space for real struggles and questions, not just 'good' answers?

- Jesus used this meal to confront the hearts of those around Him. What does this story teach us about the purpose of gathering and sharing meals together?
 - How can our group get better at sharing our real struggles and questions, rather than just our "good" answers?
 - What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?
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OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about making Jesus known to others. This prevents groups from becoming "us four and no more" tribes. We are called to be a blessing to those around us.

- The man with dropsy was not part of the inner circle, but Jesus still met him where he was. How can our group reach out to those who are on the "outside"?
- How are you living out what you're learning at church and in this group?
- Jesus chose to go into a difficult environment to heal a man. Where is a "difficult environment" that God might be calling you to bring His light and healing?
- The Pharisees were focused on their own traditions. What are some of the modern-day "traditions" or rules that might be preventing us from connecting with people outside the church?
- Assuming you had the skills and the time, who is one person you would love to be able to share Jesus with?
- How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors?

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Week 6 – Luke 14:7-14

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is one time you have felt humbled or put in your place?
- What is a time when you've been a guest at an event and felt especially honored?
- How do you typically react when someone offers you constructive criticism?
- If you could host a dinner party and invite anyone (living or historical), who would be on your guest list?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing our vertical relationship with God as a group. The goal is to get to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- In this passage, Jesus teaches a lesson about humility by observing how guests choose seats of honor. What does Jesus's teaching about humility reveal about His character?
- Jesus says, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." How does this statement challenge your understanding of what true greatness looks like?
- How does Jesus's teaching on humility apply to your spiritual life and your relationship with God?
- Why do you think Jesus's teachings so often contrast the world's values with God's values?
- The passage highlights that Jesus's teaching applies to both the guest and the host. What is one thing you can learn from Jesus's teaching to the host in verses 12-14?
- What is something you have been learning about God lately, and what has this revealed about you?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about building intentional friendships and doing life together. God designed us as communal beings, and this is a key component of our groups.

- In the passage, guests were trying to find the best seats. What can we do as a group to ensure that everyone feels valued and not like they have to "compete" for a place?
- The host was inviting people who could repay him. What does this story teach us about the importance of authentic friendships that are not based on what we can get in return?

- What is something that is currently heavy on your heart?
- How can we, as a group, create a space where everyone, regardless of their background, feels honored and welcome?
- How does Jesus's teaching challenge our pride, even in the context of our relationships within this group?
- What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. We are called to be a blessing to those around us.

- Jesus's instructions to the host are counter-cultural: invite those who can't repay you. How can this group practice this principle in our community?
- The passage challenges us to serve people who cannot repay us. What's one practical way you can serve someone this week who you know can't "pay you back"?
- Who is one person you would love to be able to share Jesus with, assuming you had the skills and the time?
- This passage challenges the idea of being an "us four and no more" tribe. How are you living out what you are learning at church and in this group?
- How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors?
- What is one small step you can take toward obedience this week to make Jesus known to others?

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Week 7 – Luke 14:15-24

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is the best meal you've ever had, and who were you with?
- What's a time you've received an unexpected or last-minute invitation to something fun?
- What is one thing you've had to make an excuse to get out of?
- Have you ever hosted a large gathering? What was the most challenging part?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing our vertical relationship with God. The goal is to get to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- In verses 16-17, the host sends his servant out to invite the guests. What does this action reveal about the host's generosity and desire for people to join his feast?
- The people who were originally invited all made excuses. What do these excuses (verses 18-20) reveal about what they valued more than the host's invitation?
- The host's second response is to "go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, crippled, blind and lame". What does this reveal about who God seeks out?
- How does Jesus's parable challenge your own assumptions about who is "worthy" to be invited into God's kingdom?
- The man in verse 15 says, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." How does Jesus's parable reshape your understanding of what that feast will be like?
- The parable ends with a warning that none of those originally invited will "taste" the banquet. What does this statement reveal about the seriousness of ignoring God's invitation?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about building intentional friendships and doing life together. This is a key component of groups because God designed us for friendship.

- In this parable, the host's dinner party is a picture of community. How can we, as a group, ensure that we are not making excuses that prevent us from fully participating in our community?

- The man who gives the party is insistent that his house be filled. How can our group be more insistent on including and welcoming others, especially those who might feel like outsiders?
- This parable highlights people who made excuses to avoid community. What are some of the modern-day excuses that keep us from prioritizing our relationships with each other?
- How can we create a space where everyone, regardless of their past or present struggles, feels welcome at our "table"?
- The parable highlights people who put their work, family, and possessions before the invitation. How can we, as a group, help each other prioritize community and faith over the many excuses of daily life?
- What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. This prevents groups from becoming an "us four and no more" tribe.

- The host sends his servant out to bring people in from the streets. What does this tell us about our role in bringing people into God's kingdom?
- In this story, the host invites "the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame". Who are the people in our modern context that we might be called to reach out to?
- Assuming you had the skills and the time, who is one person you would love to be able to share Jesus with?
- The servant was obedient in going out to get people from the roads. What is one small step you can take toward obedience this week to make Jesus known to others?
- How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors?
- Who are you currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus?

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Week 8 – Luke 15:1-31

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is something you've lost and then found that brought you great relief or joy?
- What is one item you would never want to lose?
- Have you ever felt like a "prodigal son" or "prodigal daughter" in any area of your life?
- What's the most celebratory meal or party you've ever been to?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing your vertical relationship with God. The goal is to get to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- Jesus tells these three parables (the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son) in response to the Pharisees' grumbling. What does this reveal about Jesus's heart for "sinners"?
- In the parable of the lost son, the father "ran" to meet his son. How does this image of the running father change your view of God?
- The father in the story honors his son by giving him his inheritance, even though he squanders it. What does this tell us about God's unconditional love and generosity?
- The older brother is angry that the father celebrates the younger son's return. What does this reaction tell us about the older brother's heart and his understanding of grace?
- This chapter reveals God's joy over one sinner who repents. How does this perspective challenge your view of how God sees you?
- What is something you have been learning about God lately? What has this revealed about you?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about building intentional friendships and doing life together. God designed us as communal beings, and this is a key component of groups.

- The older brother was still a part of the family, but he was isolated and angry. What does his story teach us about the importance of community and sharing in each other's joys and struggles?
- The father throws a party to celebrate the return of his son. How can our group better celebrate when we see a change in someone's life or see someone take a step of faith?

- Have you ever felt like the older brother, resentful of the attention or grace given to someone else? What was that experience like for you?
- This passage highlights the importance of relationships. How can we, as a group, get better at pursuing and "seeking out" one another when someone has gone astray or is struggling?
- What is something that is currently heavy on your heart?
- What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. We are called to be a blessing to those around us.

- Jesus's parables were spoken to a crowd of tax collectors, sinners, and Pharisees. What does this teach us about who we should be sharing our faith with?
- The father in the story did not wait for the son to make a full plan before he was welcomed back. What does this teach us about meeting people where they are at?
- How are you living out what you're learning at church and in this group?
- The father consistently "looks out" for his son. In what ways can we consistently "look out" for neighbors, friends, or co-workers who need to be shown the love of God?
- Assuming you had the skills and the time, who is one person you would love to be able to share Jesus with?
- How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors?

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Week 9 – Luke 19:1-10

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is one time you were curious about someone or something but felt hesitant to approach them?
- Have you ever had to climb or stretch yourself to see something you wanted to see?
- What's a time you felt misunderstood or judged by others?
- What is the most exciting thing you have planned for this week?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing your vertical relationship with God. The goal is to get to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and a very rich man. What does his intense desire to see Jesus, even if it meant climbing a tree, reveal about his spiritual hunger?
- The crowd grumbled when Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house. What does this teach us about Jesus's willingness to associate with those whom society rejects?
- Jesus says, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost". How does this statement define Jesus's mission and challenge your understanding of His purpose?
- What does Jesus's statement, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today," reveal about how He initiates a relationship with us?
- Zacchaeus's immediate response to Jesus's call was to "hurry and receive him with joy". What does this reveal about true repentance?
- In what ways can this story change how you view God and His heart for people from all walks of life?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

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- Zacchaeus's public declaration of repentance and restitution reveals a changed heart. What does this teach us about the importance of being transparent and authentic with our struggles and successes within our group?
- The people of Jericho saw Jesus enter Zacchaeus's home. How can our group create an authentic and welcoming space where we can "do life" together with the goal of growing in friendship?

- What is something that is currently heavy on your heart?
- Zacchaeus was publicly known as a sinner. Have you ever felt labeled by your past mistakes?
- The crowd "began to grumble" when Jesus went to Zacchaeus's home. How can we, as a group, avoid a judgmental spirit and instead show radical acceptance to those around us?
- What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. We are called to be a blessing to those around us, and this prevents us from becoming an "us four and no more" tribe.

- Zacchaeus's first act after his encounter with Jesus was to give away half his possessions and repay those he had cheated. What practical step can you take this week to "make the rubber hit the road" when it comes to your faith?
- How does this story challenge your perspective on who we should be sharing Jesus with?
- Jesus came to "seek and to save the lost". What does this mean for our group's outward focus?
- Who is one person you are currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus?
- What does it look like to be a "blessing" to someone in your neighborhood or workplace this week?
- How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors?

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- What **comforted** you this week from the sermon?
- What **confused** you this week from the sermon?
- What will you do this week to **apply** what you learned?

Week 10 – Luke 22:14-30

Pray – Discern – Plan – Assess & Celebrate

Opening Questions (*Choose 1-2*)

- What is the most memorable meal you have ever shared with someone?
- What's a time you had a disagreement with someone you care about? How did you resolve it?
- Have you ever had to choose between what you wanted and what you knew was right?
- When you think of the word "servant," who comes to mind?

UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about growing your vertical relationship with God. The goal is to know Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures.

- In verses 14-20, Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper. He says, "This is my body, which is given for you" and "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood". What do these statements reveal about the depth of Jesus's love and the purpose of His suffering?
- Jesus says He has "eagerly desired to eat this Passover" with the disciples before He suffers. What does this reveal about Jesus's humanity and His deep connection to His followers?
- The disciples argue about who is the greatest among them (v. 24). What does this internal conflict reveal about the disciples' hearts and their understanding of Jesus's mission?
- Jesus contrasts the rulers of the Gentiles, who "lord it over" their people, with His own model of servant leadership. What does Jesus's statement, "I am among you as one who serves," teach us about God's character and power?
- Jesus says the greatest among His followers should be like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. How does this challenge the world's definition of greatness?
- What is something you have been learning about God lately? What has this revealed about you?

IN: Being Known Authentically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about building intentional friendships and doing life together. God designed us as communal beings for friendship.

- During the Last Supper, a dispute arose among the disciples about who was the greatest. How does this example show us the importance of humility in our own group relationships?
- The disciples argued even while Jesus was with them, knowing He was about to suffer. What does this teach us about the challenges of authentic community? How can we navigate disagreements in the group?
- Jesus's act of serving at the table with the disciples demonstrates an intimate and personal connection. What are some practical ways our group can "do life" together with the goal of growing in friendship?
- What is something that is currently heavy on your heart?
- What does it look like for our group to be "among you as one who serves" to one another, modeling the example of Jesus?
- What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?

OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically (*Choose 2-3*)

This section is about living out what we are learning and making Jesus known to others. We are called to be a blessing to those around us.

- The passage describes Jesus as "one who serves". How can our group practically live out this principle of service in our neighborhoods and workplaces?
- Jesus's ministry was counter-cultural; he served and was with people others looked down upon. How can we, as a group, live out what we are learning at church and in this group?
- The disciples argued about who was the greatest while in the presence of Jesus. How might our pride prevent us from being a blessing to others?
- How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors?
- What is one practical way you can serve someone this week who you know can't "pay you back"?
- Who are you currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus?

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