

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“As you grew up, what was a favorite possession (a bicycle, baseball glove, game, etc)?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. The passage we are looking at today follows right after Jesus’ conversation with a rich man who wanted to know what good things he needed to do to inherit eternal life. He refused to give up his riches and follow Jesus. This is what happened next.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 10:23-31**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - The disciples had given up everything to follow Jesus. What does that show about them?
 - What are some things that we need to let go of in order to truly follow Jesus?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - What do you think Jesus was teaching His disciples about entering into the Kingdom of God?
 - How has God rewarded you with many times more than you have given up in this life?
 - What gives you the assurance that you have eternal life with Jesus now and forever? ¹
 - What do you think it means that “many who are first will be last, and the last will be first”?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*

*** Reading from different translations often helps.*

¹ See John 5:24 and 1 John 5:11-13